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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Formidable Task

TOMORROW Mr. R. A. Butler embarks on his most formidable task since he became Chancellor of the Exchequer last year. He has to present a Budget designed to save Britain from imminent bankruptcy; which makes adequate provision for the fulfilment of rearmament commitments; but which, at the same time, does not impose utterly intolerable burdens on the nation. Like his predecessors, Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr. Gaitskell, the Tory Chancellor is confronted with the paradox of being able to call on a national income which is more than sufficient to meet purely domestic expenditure, but which is incapable of bridging the adverse gap between payments for imports and revenue from exports. Moreover, the problem is aggravated by the current necessity for utilising a large proportion of imported raw materials for armaments. The country's rearmament programme is an obligation which must be fulfilled. Of the four and quarter thousand million pounds expenditure for which Mr. Butler is expected to estimate, something like a third has to be devoted to defence purposes. Nor can the Government make a less allocation without retarding the whole of the West European defence scheme. Thus rearmament, essential and inevitable, becomes an overriding consideration in the presentation of the Budget. It is unavoidable expenditure, although to provide for it means the nation's resources must be taxed beyond ordinary limits.

KNOWLEDGE of this may help to cushion the effects on the public mind of what is bound to be a harsh and unpopular budget. The Chancellor has two principal objectives—one to raise more revenue, the other to cut down on Government spending. Both can only be accomplished at the expense of the individual citizen. It will come as no surprise, therefore, if Mr. Butler announces increased duties on so-called luxuries such as tobacco, beer, wines and spirits and entertainment tax. He will probably have to resist, for the time being, the many demands which have been made to the Conservative Government to remove the purchase tax. On the contrary, there is general expectation that the Chancellor will add to the present burdens of family budgeting by slashing food subsidies. New excess profits taxes have already been promised. Nor can the possibility of a higher standard rate of income tax be ruled out. Mr. Butler will certainly do his utmost to avoid any such direct raid on incomes, and if he can fairly taken for granted that he will avoid a further lowering of the minimum for tax-free incomes. Balancing of the Budget is not the only problem. There is the question of Britain's international solvency. To this end further austerity measures are inevitable—a severe pruning of imports and a greater diversion of manufactured commodities from the domestic market into the export trade. It is obvious that Mr. Butler has some grave and unhappy facts, figures and proposals to present to the British public tomorrow.

CRIME INCREASES IN COVENTRY

Coventry, Mar. 9. There has been such an increase in crime here that the authorities now charge its growth on graphs by weighing court lists instead of counting cases. The 1946 record weighed four pounds and six ounces. The 1951 one, tipped 10 pounds and six ounces.—Reuter.

Bevan's New Challenge

To Lab. Party WILL "GO ON ALONE" IN FIGHT AGAINST CONSERVATIVES

London, Mar. 9.

The fiery Left Wing Labour leader, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, widened the split imperilling the Labour Party tonight by threatening to "go on alone" without the Party moderates in his fight against the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill.

"As far as I am concerned, the struggle against Toryism is still on," he shouted in a speech to constituents. "I shall seek to persuade my colleagues that they should take the most vigorous part in that struggle so we can go on together. But if we cannot go on together we will go on alone. For on we must, because if we try to remain where we are we shall slip back to barbarism."

The crowd applauded thunderously.

Mr. Bevan warned that an arms race might provoke a new war, but he denied that he had ever said no arms were necessary.

"The world is in such a dangerous condition that some military adventure might at any time precipitate us in general conflict. So arms are required in this disturbed, disordered world. But you can have an arms race of such intensity that it itself could become one of the major causes of war."

German Elections

COALITION PARTIES LEAD

Stuttgart, Mar. 9.

The West German Government coalition parties were tonight easily leading the Social Democratic Opposition in the first provisional results announced in today's election in South-West Germany.

The vote was to choose a Constituent Assembly for a new State within the Federation.

With results from 20 voting districts in the existing two States of Württemberg-Baden and Württemberg-Hohenzollern, which with South Baden are to form the new State, the position was:

Social Democrats 217,935. Christian Democrats (Government) 255,121. Free Democrats (Government) 134,442. Refugee parties 99,218. Communists 27,028. Neo-Nazi Socialist Reichs Party 15,078. Splitter group 4,995.

PRESENT RESULTS

With 40 out of 74 electoral districts counted, the results stood as follows: Christian Democrats (Government) 570,000. Social Democrats 380,000. Free Democrats (Government) 249,000. Refugee parties 173,000. Splitter Group 8,000. Communists 44,000. Neo-Nazi Socialist Reich Party 40,000.

Political observers regarded the election as a major test of public opinion—for or against the defence contribution that the Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, and his Christian Democratic Party advocate.

The Assembly is to draw up a Constitution for the new State, choose a capital, give the State a permanent home and elect a Government which is to hold office until a regular State Parliament has been elected. The Assembly will have 120 members, elected on a system combining proportional and direct representation.—Reuter.

Back To Work Order

Melbourne, Mar. 9. Union officials today told striking wharfmens who have kept most of Melbourne port idle since Friday to go back on Tuesday morning.

The 23,000-ton British liner Orion, was among 50 ships held up by the strike which followed the suspension of eight men said to have been working week-end work at over-time rates but not reporting for duty during the week. The few ships which have moved since the strike started either left behind hundreds of tons of cargo which they were due to load or sailed with Melbourne-bound cargo still in their holds.—Reuter.

Defiant "Rebel"



ANEURIN BEVAN

Three Ships Meet With Disaster

Amsterdam, Mar. 9.

At least 16 seamen were reported missing tonight as the result of three ship disasters which sent search planes, tugs and lifeboats on rescue missions in the Atlantic and the North Sea.

Radio reports said the 433-ton German tanker Thor sank in the Atlantic on Saturday morning. Sixteen crewmen were reported missing. One survivor was picked up by a rescue ship and one body recovered. It was not known immediately how the accident occurred.

The British freighter Camroux I reported "down by the head" but manoeuvrable after colliding with the 2,726-ton Dutch freighter Zoeland in the North Sea eight miles off the Dudgeon Light vessel.

The Norwegian freighter Terelia was reported in distress off Newport, Belgium, with a cable fouling her screw. The Dutch tug Zearte Zee was en route to assist the 633-ton freighter after having started out for a position 40 miles off Flushing where erroneous reports said the ship was in distress after hitting a mine. There were no immediate reports of casualties from the Camroux I or the Terelia.—United Press.

Neither the Bevanites nor the Party regulars want to see such a split. It would put in the hands of Mr. Churchill in this session of Parliament.

If it led to contests in future elections between moderates and Left Wing rebels, it might ensure years of Conservative rule. That is why Socialists of every hue are searching for a compromise somewhere between the two adamant stands. There is a chance the "face" of Party unity could be preserved for a united attack on the Conservatives' tough new budget which is due on Tuesday. But while that might keep the Party in one piece, it would not halt an all-out battle over the Party's future programme. Even though Mr. Attlee is in undisputed control of the Party, he is already having to swing Left towards some of Mr. Bevan's views.—United Press.

17-HOURS ADRIFF

Cuxhaven, Mar. 9. A German, feared to be the only survivor of the 18 crew of a fishing vessel, was picked from the storm-tossed North Sea today after drifting in a lifeboat for 17 hours.

With him in the boat was the body of a dead comrade—all that was left of 11 men who climbed aboard when their ship sank. The nine others were washed overboard one by one before the horrified eyes of the helpless survivor.

Their ship, the 460-ton steamer Thor from Bremerhaven, sank about half way between Norway and the Orkneys about noon yesterday.

Nothing was known of the disaster until the German fishing smack Flodgrunden found the drifting lifeboat with Will Sunkmat, steersman of the ill-fated Thor, and the body of a stoker, whose name the sole survivor did not know.

Sunkmat, worn to the limit of his endurance by exposure, thirst and weakness, was unable to tell his rescuers immediately how and why the Thor sank. All he could say was that she had suddenly foundered—she dived to the bottom nose first.—Reuter.

Restrictions On Russian Diplomats

London, Mar. 9.

Soviet diplomats here completed their last week-end of unrestricted travel tonight as Britain prepared to strike back in retaliation for the Kremlin ban on the movement of Western diplomats in Russia.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the Soviet Ambassador, M. Georgi Zarubin, and his 30 staff members would be confined to an area within 25 miles of Central London. The ban will be formally announced within the next day or so, the spokesman said.

The United States, France and other Atlantic Pact nations are expected to take similar action. At the same time, the Bulgarian and Rumanian Ministers and their staffs also will be limited in travel, to correspond to restrictions imposed against diplomats in Sofia and Bucharest.

The Russians will be permitted to see only the area within 25 miles of Central London except for Hawkhurst, Hawkhurst, approximately 40 miles southeast of the capital in Kent, is where the Soviets maintain a country club for the Embassy staff.

The Bulgarian Minister will be permitted to travel freely, but all other members of the staff must obtain permission to go outside London. Restrictions will be imposed on the Rumanians, but details have not been worked out.

Hungarian diplomatic officials have been restricted to within 15 miles of London since last year. The Polish and Czechoslovak missions will not be affected at present. British diplomats are not restricted in travel in those satellite countries.—United Press.

University Of Farouk Reopens

Cairo, Mar. 9.

For the sixth time since the start of the school year, the University of Farouk re-opened its doors today. The last time the university had been closed was on March 2 following a serious incident which had intervened the holding of classes. No incidents were reported today.—France Press.

Test For Pinay Tomorrow

Presents Cabinet To Assembly

Paris, Mar. 9.

The businessman Premier, M. Antoine Pinay, who yesterday won presidential approval of his streamlined 17-Minister French Cabinet, faces his next test on Tuesday when he presents his list to the National Assembly.

The Premier has summoned his newly-formed Cabinet to meet tomorrow morning to discuss financial projects he laid before the Assembly during his investiture speech last week.

M. Pinay probably will have to answer serious criticism in the National Assembly on Tuesday from General Charles de Gaulle's Rally of the French People Deputies, who were strongly opposed to the reappointment of M. Robert Schuman as Foreign Minister. The de Gaulleists charge that M. Schuman surrendered too much of France's sovereignty by passing German rearmament under the European Army plan.

SOCIAL SECURITY M. Pinay covered his political programme pretty thoroughly during his investiture speech last week, but it is possible he will not only announce his programme for the budget, but also his programme for social security in an attempt to satisfy Left Wing elements of his majority.

The major importance of M. Pinay's government still rests in the split of General de Gaulle's RPF Party, which allowed the new premier to win a measure and form a government. Twenty-seven of the general's supporters disobeyed a direct order from their leader by voting for M. Pinay, while two resigned from the Party.

Observers believe M. Pinay will be able to get the 324 votes on Tuesday which the Assembly gave him last Thursday. How serious the split in the de Gaulle Party really is will be known tomorrow evening after the wartime resistance leader of the Free French forces holds his press conference, at which he may announce possible disciplinary action against the rebels.—United Press.

Fire Severely Damages Hotel

Seattle, Mar. 9.

A pre-dawn fire in an apartment hotel sent most of the 350 occupants fleeing into the streets in their night clothing. All escaped unhurt. Two others were rescued by firemen.

The cause has not been determined. About half the sixth floor rooms of the New Windsor Hotel brick-building were burned out. Mr. Goddard, owner, estimated the damage at \$75,000 to \$100,000.—Associated Press.

Lehr made it clear it was a big "it" because he believed the International Defence Force under the command of General Eisenhower would be realized. He disclosed that meanwhile it was planned to strengthen the 10,000-man frontier police immediately.

The force does no normal police duties. It is trained on infantry lines and the bulk of it is stationed on the Iron curtain frontier between East and West Germany.—Associated Press.

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Strong Quake Recorded

Prato, Italy, Mar. 9. The San Domenico Seismographic Observatory reported a strong earthquake in the Japanese islands at 5.10 p.m. GMT Sunday. (1.10 a.m. Monday Hongkong time). The observatory said the recent quake and tidal wave which struck Northern Japan on March 4 was the strongest ever recorded on the Prato seismograph, with Sunday's shock ranking second.—Associated Press.

Adenauer's Promise Of Volunteers

Hanover, Mar. 9.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer said here on Sunday that 40,000 to 50,000 volunteers will be ready by the Summer of 1953 to become the basis of a West German Defence Force.

Adenauer, addressing a rally of his Christian Democratic Party, declared that participation of the German Federal Republic in European defence is "the only way to reunite Germany."

The Chancellor's announcement regarding the volunteers was simultaneous with the disclosure by Interior Minister Robert Lehr in Bonn that West Germany will form an armed frontier police force if the European army plan fails to materialize.

Adenauer told his fellow party members that "when we build European army with Germans participating, it would be possible for Germans to make good the evil the Nazis accomplished." A BIG "IT".

Interior Minister Lehr said in a Bonn radio interview that frontier police, now equipped with only light infantry weapons and armoured cars, would be responsible for German security in the proposed European army with German divisions is not achieved.

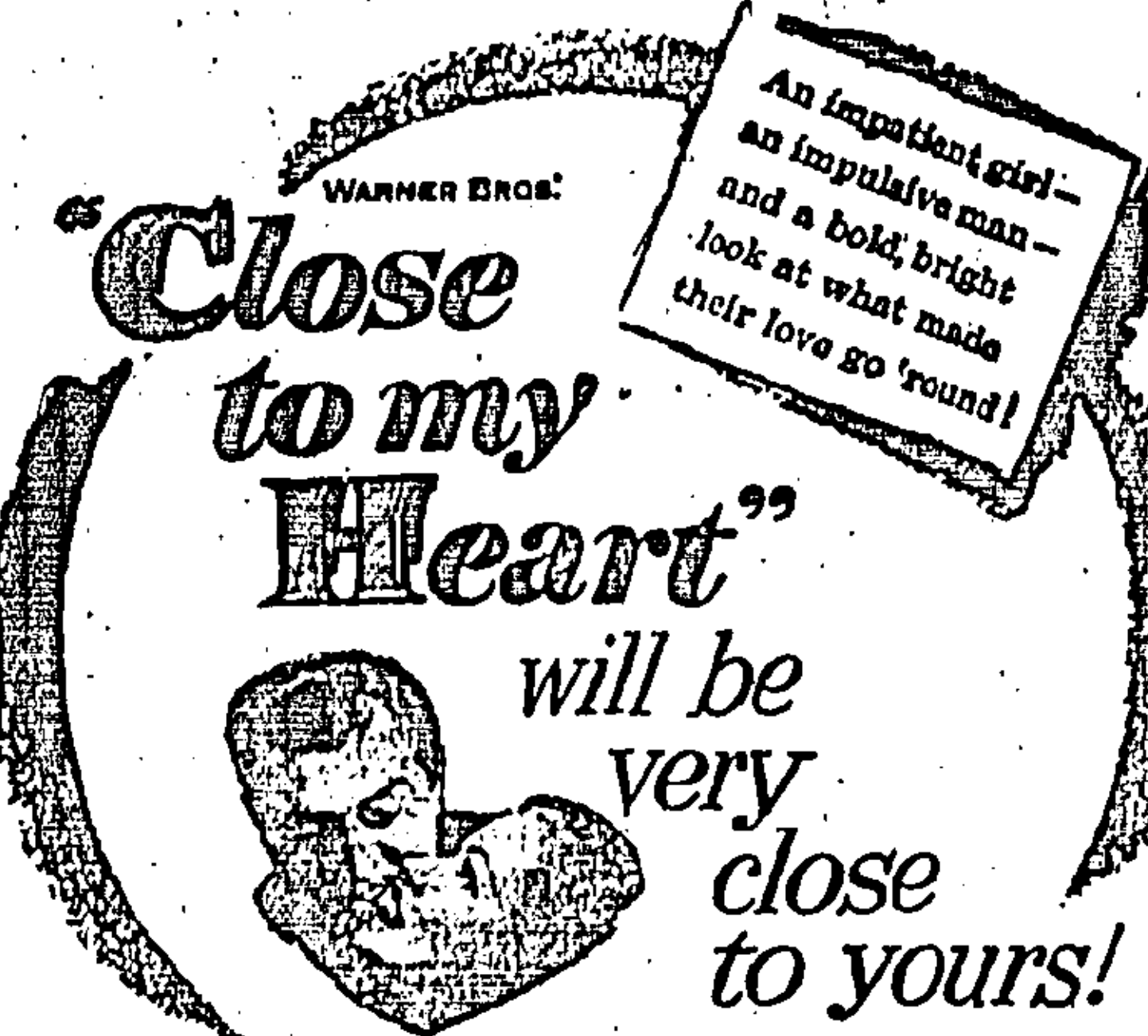
This was the first public reference by a West German political leader to the possibility of creating a German national force to replace the proposed German contingent of some 400,000 men in the European army.

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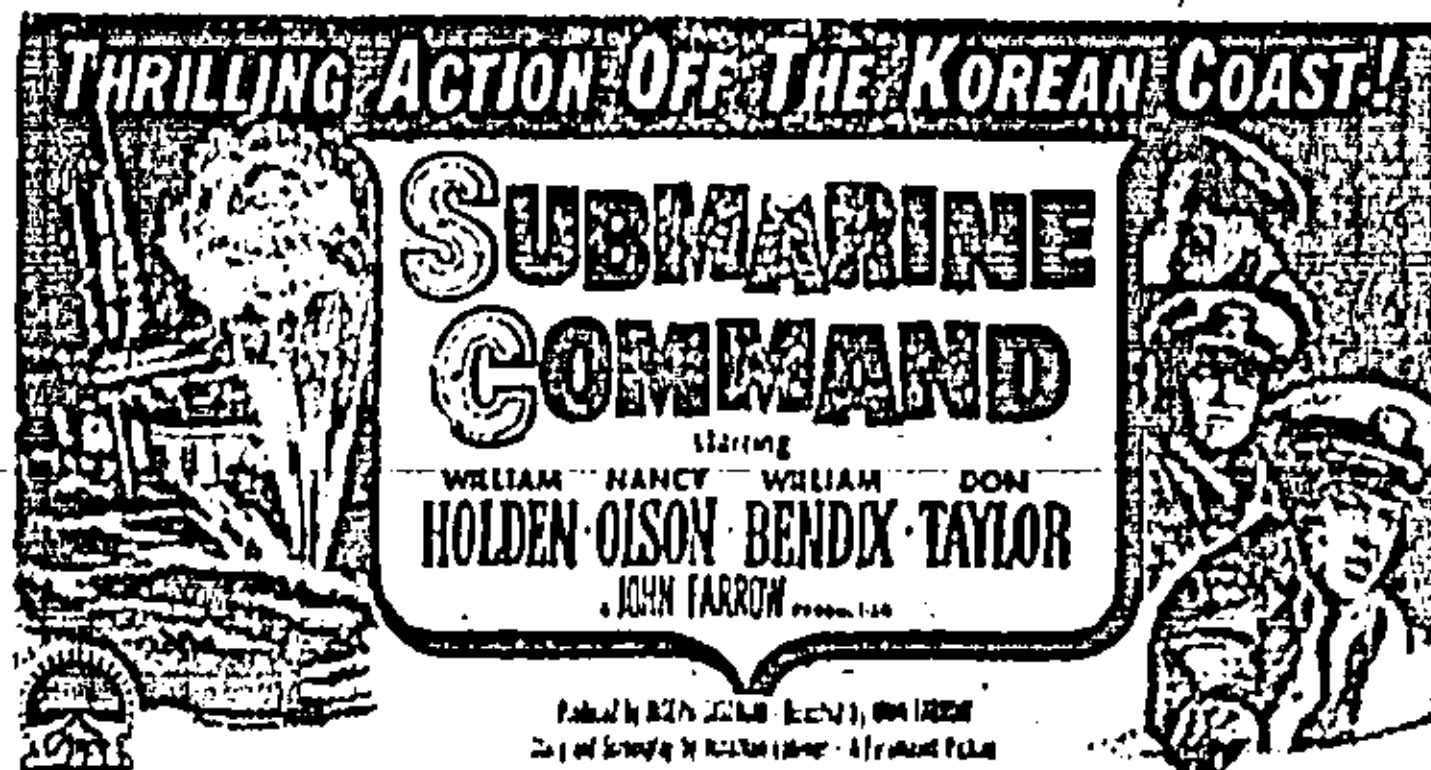
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New Job For "Mad Jack"

London, Mar. 9. Lieutenant Jack Churchill, Seaforth Highlanders, whose exploits in the last war earned him the title "Mad Jack", has been seconded by the War Office to give parachute training at the Australian School of Land and Air Warfare.

He has lately been second in command at the Army Apprentice School at Chesham.

Churchill won the Military Cross at Dunkirk. One of his later exploits was when he piloted his command ashore in a Commando raid.—Reuter.

BIG TRIAL IN PRAGUE FORECAST

Vinna, Mar. 9. The Socialist Arbeiter Zeitung claimed today that Czechoslovakia would soon put many of the former leaders of its Communist regime before a court in a show trial that promises to be the greatest yet organised by the Communist Party.

Never had so many and so important leaders of a regime been awaiting trial at one time, the newspaper said.

There was Rudolf Slansky, recently Secretary-General of the Czech Communist Party, former Foreign Minister Vladimir Clementis, the Secretary of the Party from Brno, Otto Sling, the former Deputy Secretary-General of the Party, Maria Syrovatka, and many other important Party officials and ministers.

The newspaper said that the trial list also contained the names of the former Minister of the Interior, Vladislav Soporin, seven members of the Slovak Government, nine high civil servants, six generals, including the recently demoted Chief of the General Staff, General Brochacki, the Deputy Minister of Defence, General Lastovicki, 12 district Party secretaries and 20 members of the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party.

Nor was the placing of people on the list finished yet, the newspaper said.—Reuter.

Britain As A Model For Japan

Tokyo, Mar. 10. The Nippon Times today published a letter in its readers' column asking the Japanese to "study England more."

The writer said that the Japanese, in their post-war admiration of American methods and technical efficiency, were forgetting that economic and other conditions in Japan widely differed from those in the United States.

On the other hand, the writer said, Great Britain and Japan showed amazing similarities in history and culture and faced virtually the same economic problems.

Citing one example of where he felt the Japanese had gone wrong in following the American pattern, the writer said: "Our police force should certainly be modelled upon that of the English police who, without shuffling whistles and the dubious advantage of firearms, carry out their duties with an efficiency and dignity which arouses the admiration of the world."—Reuter.

Pakistan Envoy Resigns

Karachi, Mar. 9. The Pakistan Ambassador to Turkey, Mian Bashir Ahmad, has resigned because of urgent personal affairs. It was announced here today.

He returned to Pakistan on leave last November and has not resumed his duties since then.—Reuter.

NEW YORK UNDERGROUND TIE-UP THREATENED BY RAIL WORKERS

New York, Mar. 9. New York's underground railway, the main means of transport of the city's 8,000,000 inhabitants, was threatened with a strike today.

The threat was issued by Mr Michael Quill, international President of the Transport Workers' Union, who said that the Union would, if necessary, go on strike if the service now operated by the city was transferred to an independent authority.

He was addressing an outdoor mass meeting of several thousand transport workers demanding a 40-hour week and protesting against the creation of a Transport Authority.

The service is now being run at a financial loss and Republican leaders have proposed that it should be operated by an independent transport authority.

The New York Central Railroad—part of the great transcontinental network serving areas from New York to Buffalo, Chicago and St. Louis—announced today that it had suspended all operations west of Buffalo because of a strike of drivers, firemen and conductors.

Officers of the Army—technically has run the railway since President Truman ordered them to be "seized" in August, 1950, to forestall a strike by the unions—hurried to a conference held at Defence headquarters in Washington.

Another railway system serving the same area had not yet been affected by the strike.

"Pamper House" For Women

New York, Mar. 9. Mrs Tanya Pitt, former model who left her British naval officer husband and came here with her four children, is to open what she calls a "Beautician" in Manhattan next month.

It is called Pamper House. Mrs Pitt is to use her professional knowledge to help solve the beauty and other everyday problems of the harassed office girl and housewife.

She said: "I am at a place combining the beauty treatment of the salon and a home."

Pamper House opens on March 15 at the Rockefeller Centre, just off Fifth Avenue.

It will be a haven where women can rest, patch up, and get beauty advice, primp, or change for an evening out or for the theatre without having to dash home.

Most of the services of Pamper House Incorporated will be free, with no strings attached. The only payment: \$1—7s.—for a lifetime membership, plus 1s. 6d. for each admission. For this charge the place's club-like facilities will be available.

These include lounge, reading-room, snack bar, showers, locker-room, radio, TV, magazines, and writing paper to fill in the time.

One of the staff said: "Beauty aids, make-up booths, hair-dressing booths, driers, combs, curlers, and all grooming gadgets are provided.

"The house is also providing its own beauticians, cosmeticians, and hairdressers to aid and advise."

Mrs Pitt thought up the idea. She got a group of business men to back the project. It cost \$25,700.

It was in December 1950 that Mrs Pitt, after an attempt at reconciliation with her husband, Lieutenant Commander Arthur Pitt, left their home near Paris and flew here secretly with Natasha, 11, David, eight, Valery, nine, and Michelle, five, to start a new life.

An Alexander Chair For Harrow

Harrow, Mar. 9. When the new Defence Minister, Field Marshal Lord Alexander, visited Harrow, his old school, 18 months ago he said he would like to present a chair.

It is traditional for Old Harrovians of distinction to present a rush-bottomed Windsor chair and to have their names carved on the back.

Lord Alexander's chair, duly presented, is now on the dais in the speech room with his name carved upon it as Viscount Alexander of Tunis.

As the dignity of Earl was conferred upon him by the late King on Jan. 27, the chair will be filed with a new back for fresh carving.—Reuter.

MANY STRANDED

Since the "seizure" railway workers have legally been Government employees unable to strike.

About a dozen expresses running between Chicago, New York, Detroit and Boston were hurriedly cancelled.

Stranded passengers went to another railway company whose trains are still running.

The strike was completely effective between Buffalo, Chicago and New York, a company spokesman said.

Local trains outside this area were still operating but through expresses had to be cancelled.

Telegrams from the heads of the three unions—drivers, firemen and conductors—ordered all trains in the area to be stopped except those carrying military supplies, troops, milk or medicine.—Reuter.

Crisis In Alexandria Solved

Cairo, Mar. 9. The Alexandria Cotton Futures Market will reopen tomorrow following a Government decree tonight which is considered to have resolved the crisis over compensation prices.

The crisis had paralysed the market for the past fortnight.

The decree made compulsory the liquidation of March contracts of long staple cotton at 140 milles a manar (four shillings per catty).

The Finance Minister, Zaky Abdel Motalib, announcing the decree after an extraordinary Cabinet meeting, said: "The Government are determined to rid the Alexandria Cotton Futures Market of artificial elements and evil influences."

The cotton market will be free of all restrictions so as to find its own price level and facilitate the disposal of large cotton stocks," he added.—Reuter.

GERMANY AND IRAQ

Baghdad, Mar. 9. A German university mission of five men and a woman arrived here today from Mosul to study teaching problems at the request of the Iraqi Government.

The mission, which will stay four months in Iraq, will deal especially with vocational training.

The mission was received this morning by the head of the Royal Prerogative and by the Education Minister, Khalil Kamil, who said he was pleased at the resumption of cultural relations between Germany and Iraq.—France Press.

Film Music Pain To Beecham

Hollywood, Mar. 9. Sir Thomas Beecham said this about Hollywood film music: "It is even more painful than my sciatica. Most film music has nothing to do with the film's story. It is just noise, loud, silly."

He declined to express an opinion on anything else in the United States. "I will not make more enemies than I already have. I will not incur the wrath of women in my present sciatic condition."

CHINESE RED MAKES BOAST

Karachi, Mar. 9. Chen Ming, leader of the Chinese Communist delegation, to the International Industries Fair here, said today: "The economic blockade of the imperialists has only speeded the development of industries in New China."

Opening the Chinese pavilion, the largest in the Fair, he added, "Industrial materials, manufactures and machinery, for which we had to depend on foreign imports, can now be produced in our own country."

Exports exceeded imports in 1950 for the first time since 1877, he said.

A statue of Mao Tse-tung, seven and a half feet high, stands at the entrance to the pavilion.—Reuter.

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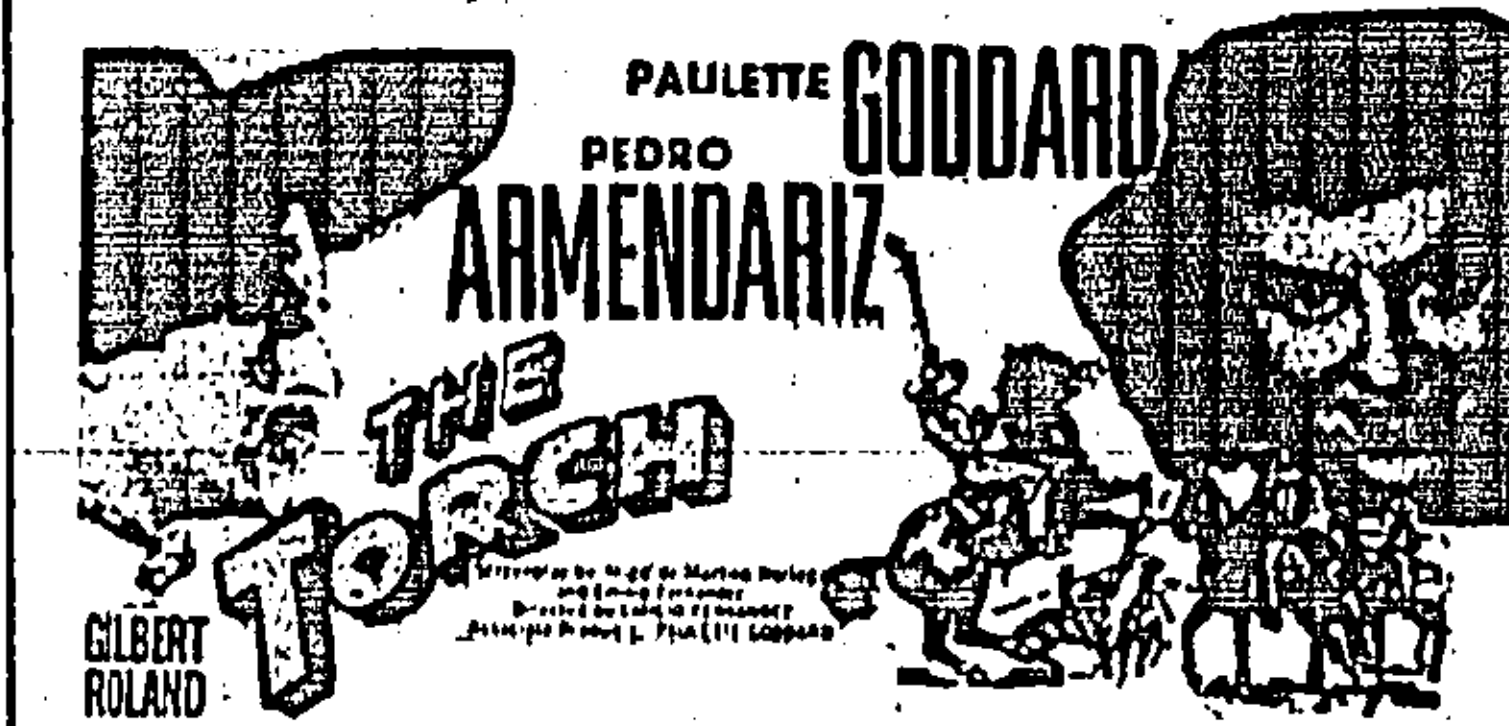


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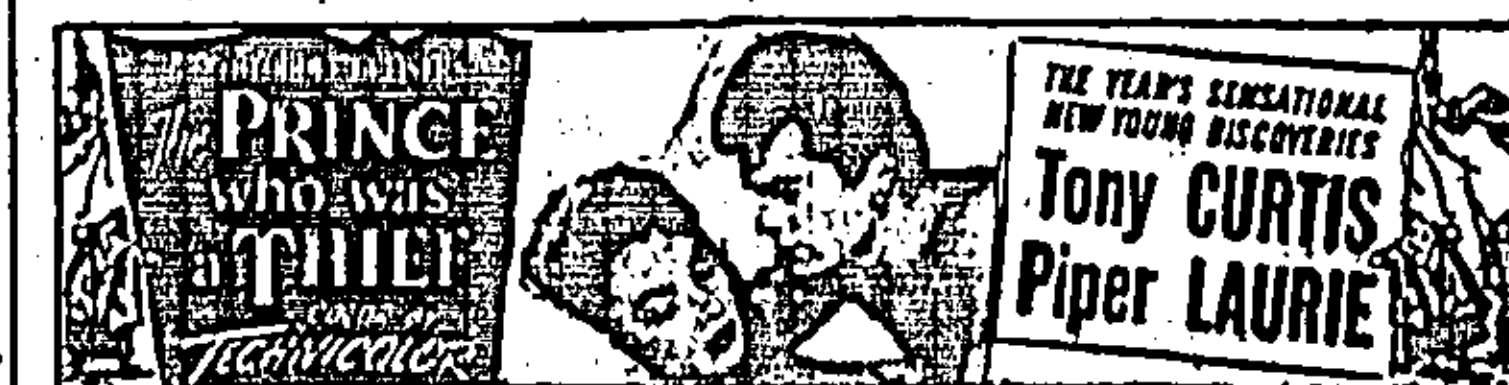
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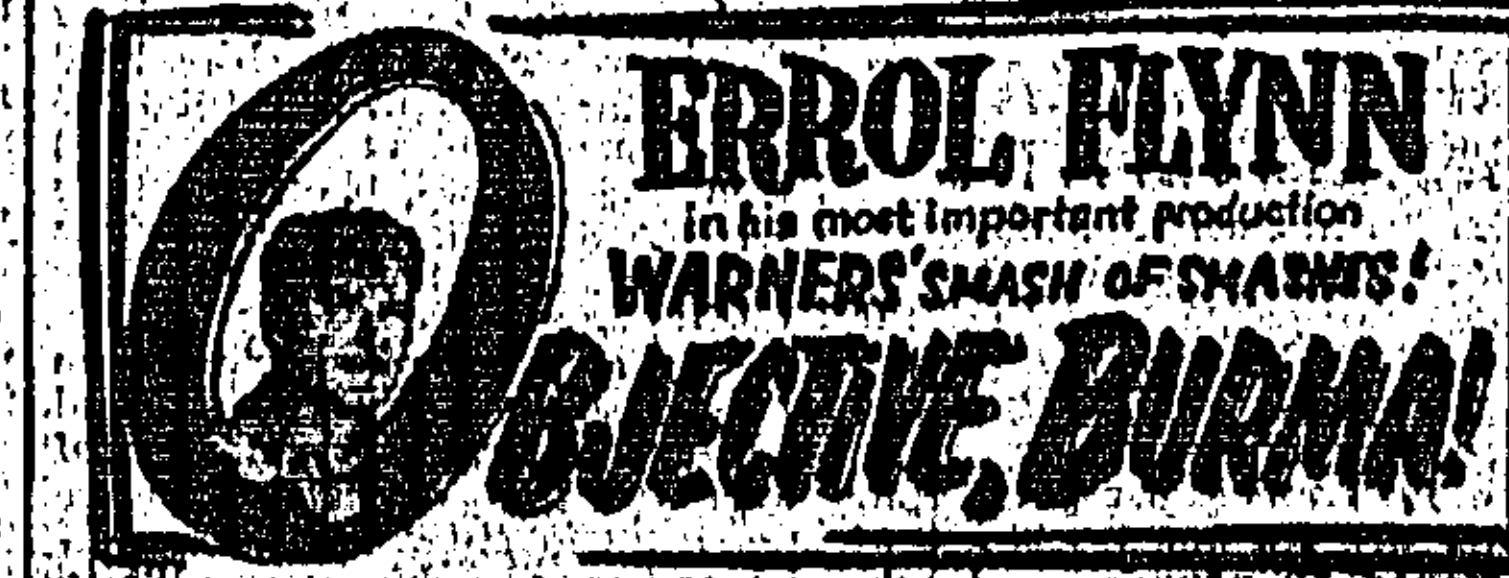
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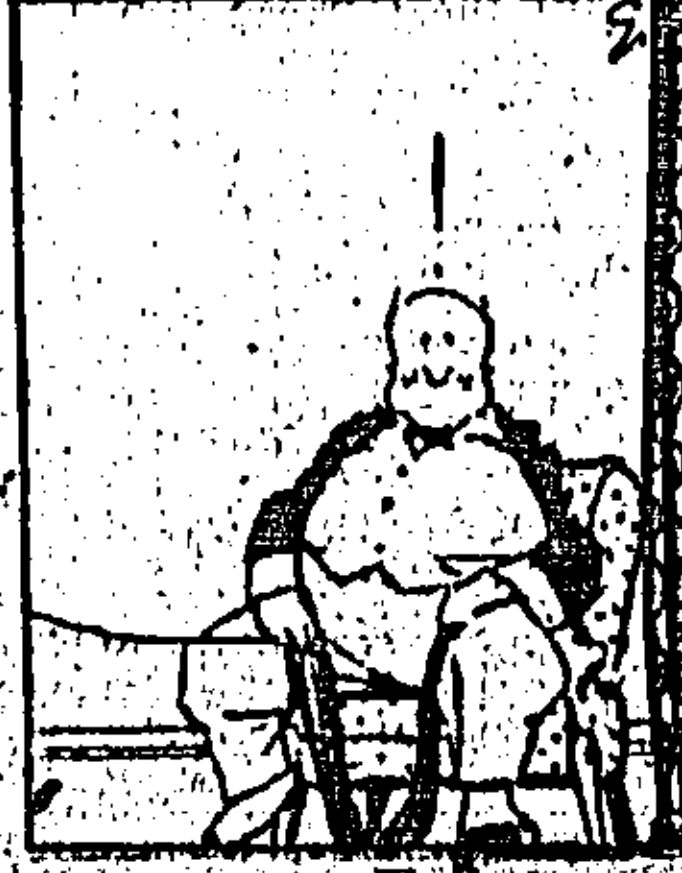
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UTILITY SCHEME IN BRITAIN TO COME TO AN END

London, Mar. 9.

The Utility scheme, with its exemption of all Utilities from purchase tax, will end at the beginning of April.

A new system of purchase tax will be introduced. It will give tax relief to about half the goods now listed as Utility, those in the lower-price ranges.

Tentative!

Sydney, Mar. 9.

Workmen at the Woomera rocket range receive extra pay if they have to live in tents. Many tents have been replaced by huts, but payments continue.

Minister of the Interior, Kent Hughes is to investigate a charge that workmen have re-erected tents inside the huts so that they can still draw the allowance.

The upper half will be subject to purchase tax at present rates but on a graduated scale proportionate to price.

These changes follow recommendations made by a Treasury committee. An announcement will be made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Budget speech.

Many higher-priced Utilities now exempt will come within the tax range. But some clothing and household goods not now listed as Utilities will be exempt.

SAME REVENUE

Total revenue from purchase tax will be about the same, it is calculated. The committee say the present Utility scheme has ceased to ensure standards of quality or value. They suggest that textile and other trade organisations should themselves set up standards for goods, which would bear a distinctive mark.

In determining the figure at which purchase tax will become payable a new system has been designed, to find what is to be called the Median value. If, say, 21 qualities of one article, Utility and non-Utility, are now bought at varying prices, the Median is the eleventh from either end if they are arranged in rising sequence.

Any article sold at or under the Median will be tax free; any above it in the same range will pay tax only on the amount by which it exceeds the Median.

ON-AND OFF

The Median for women's costumes will probably work out at about £8 wholesale price, all above it being subject to tax.

Purchase tax will become chargeable on some classes of goods now almost entirely exempt, especially footwear and furniture. More of the higher quality wool cloth, sheets, and pillow-cases will also be taxed.

But tax-free concessions below the Median will come for some things of common use now taxed, because not classed as Utilities. There will be tax-free ranges of wellington boots and plimsolls, rubber gloves, industrial protective clothing, table oil-cloth, woven scarves, and some similar articles.

All imported goods will share the same tax-free concessions. Hitherto even those in the Utility range paid purchase tax.

Mexican Cement Production

Mexico City, Mar. 9.

Mexico climbed to fourth place in world cement production in 1951. The Government reported today that the production was 1,980,088 metric tons. The three top producers in 1951 were the United States, Canada and Argentina. Associated Press.

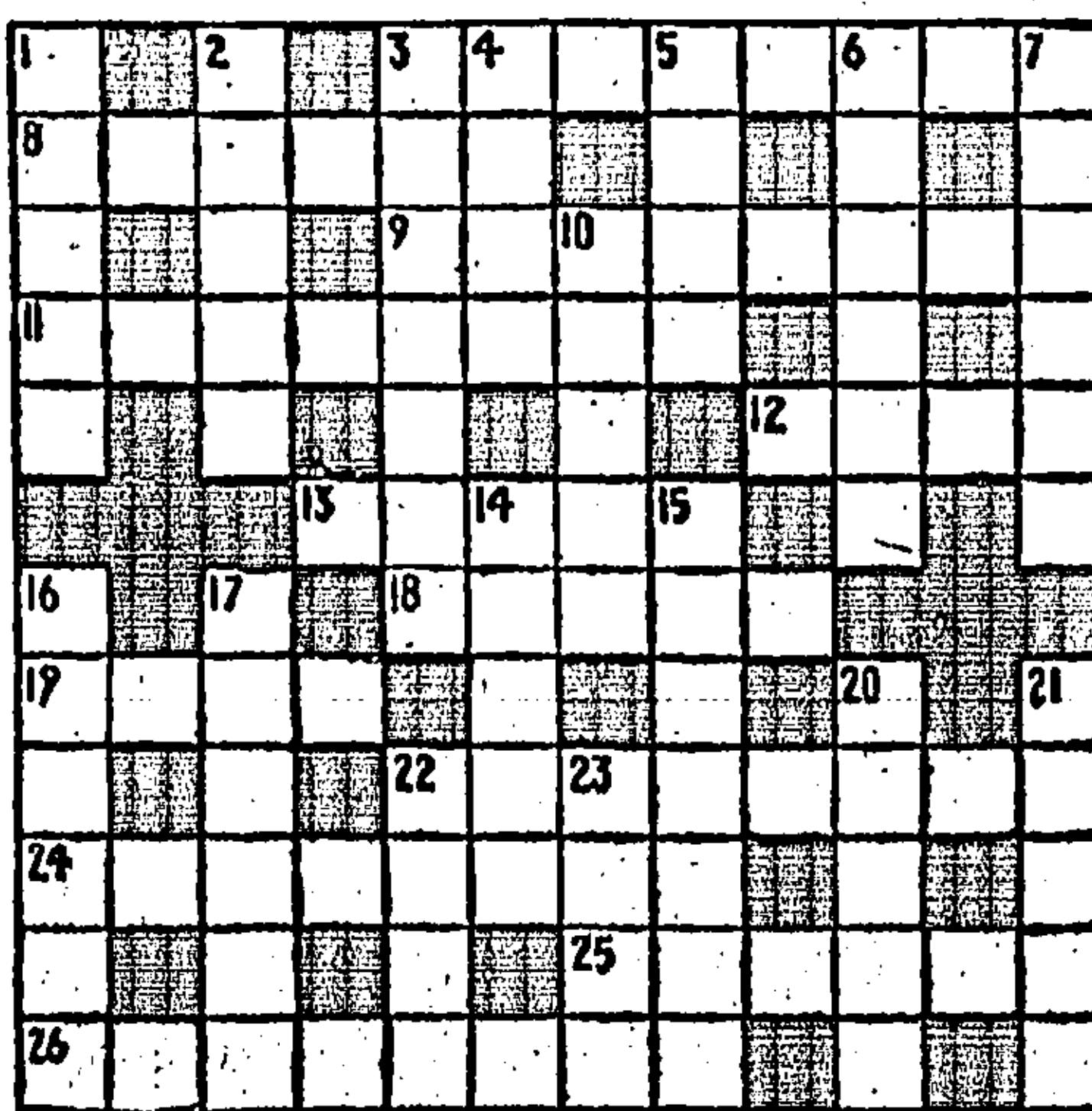
Sudden Death Of Minister

Bonn, Mar. 9.

The West German Minister of Reconstruction, Herr Eberhard Wildermuth, died of a stroke in Tübingen today. He was 61 and a veteran of two world wars.

Herr Wildermuth enjoyed considerable popularity in West Germany because of his achievements in the field of post-war reconstruction. —France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. Imputes (6).
8. Drink (6).
9. Feasting (6).
11. Got ready (6).
12. Footwear (4).
13. Commence (5).
18. Fear (5).
19. Repented (4).
22. Soften (6).
24. Decoration (8).
25. Hard work (8).
26. Hard exterior covering (8).

DOWN

1. Speaks imperfectly (6).
2. Monastery (6).
3. Scrapped (7).
4. Prophet (4).
5. Highway (4).
6. Plant disease (6).
7. Drooped (6).
10. Spirit (6).
14. Servant having care of horse (5).
15. Unaffected (7).
16. Cask (6).
17. Bo sorry (6).
20. Nobleman (5).
21. Cheerful (5).
22. Food mixture (4).
23. Valley (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across—3 Critical, 7 Halve, 8 Articles, 10 Repose, 15 Precept, 16 Side, 17 Eastern, 18 Sorrow, 20 Edit, 21 Lament, 26 Nipper, 27 Emigrate, 28 Cocoon, 29 Tactless, Down—1 Chimp, 2 Slope, 3 Grass, 4 Trip, 5 Collie, 6 Lesson, 9 Repeat, 11 Eered, 12 Oats, 14 Talent, 15 Strip, 16 Drone, 18 Select, 19 Vision, 22 Niece, 23 Expiry, 24 Treat, 25 Axis.

Tennis Stars' Wedding



Mrs. Jean Quertier, the British Wightman Cup player, photographed after her marriage to the Dutch Davis Cup player, Ivo Rakel, at St. Joseph's Church, Roehampton. —Central Press Photo.

Peaceful Reign Forecast For Queen Elizabeth

London, Mar. 9.

Numismatists believe that Queen Elizabeth will enjoy a reign of peace if, in keeping with traditional practice, she decides that her profile on the coins for her reign shall face towards the right.

For hundreds of years, the facial direction of the profile of the Sovereign on British coins has been alternated from reign to reign. The practice is believed to have been started by Charles II in the 17th Century "because he could not bear to look in the same direction as Cromwell."

Each succeeding Sovereign has adopted the alternate facing, although not for Charles' reason. Numismatists now are pointing out that:

William IV (1830-1837) faced to the right. He had a reign undisturbed by war.

Queen Victoria (1837-1901) faced to the left. She had a prosperous reign but not a peaceful one.

Edward VII (1901-1910) faced to the right. He—known as Edward the Peacemaker—had no wars.

George V (1910-1936) faced to the left. His reign saw World War I from 1914 to 1918.

Edward VIII (1936) was on the throne for such a short time that no coins bearing his profile were issued.

George VI (1936-1952) on the assumption that Edward VIII coins would have shown the Sovereign facing right, had his coins designed with his profile facing left. He reigned during World War II.

If tradition is followed—and there is no law that it must be—it is entirely a matter for the Sovereign to decide—the profile of Elizabeth II on British currency will face towards the right, as it did in the peaceful days of William IV and Edward VII.

The first coins to bear the new Sovereign's profile may be an issue of commemorative Coronation five-shilling pieces, or crowns, similar to the special issues for the Festival of Britain and the Silver Wedding Anniversary of the late King.

Newly-Weds Taking To River Homes

London, Mar. 9.

Newly-weds who cannot get a house are among an increasing number of people living in house-boats on a 140-mile stretch of the Thames from Cricklade to Teddington.

Because of the growing number of "houseboats," the Thames Conservancy Board has decided to make more space available for permanent moorings.

Favoured moorings are near towns or villages where bus routes make it convenient for husbands to get to work. A Thames Conservancy official said today: "We want to help young people who prefer to make homes on the river rather than live in rooms in town. Mooring space is very limited but we are letting as much as possible." —Reuter.

New Kremlin Defence Measures In West Russia

London, Mar. 9.

The Kremlin is taking extraordinary defence measures in the entire West European part of the Soviet Union, informed sources said today.

The Soviet authorities have also begun the final evacuation from European Asia to the Asiatic heartland beyond the Urals of all important war industries which had not been moved during the war, the sources said.

The new Russian defence measures were thought to be the main reason for new restrictions on the travel of foreign diplomats recently introduced by the Soviet Government.

The Russian moves were part of a wider defence plan which was put into operation towards the end of last year.

On Jan. 16, 1952, the ban was extended to certain specifically designated cities and areas making travel for diplomats stationed in Moscow virtually impossible in most areas of the Soviet Union.

Under the present regulations, the following areas are closed to diplomats: Soviet Central Asia, Armenia, the Araks regions, the Baltic republics, Byelo-Russia and Western Ukraine.

Travel to the following cities in the western part of Russia has been specifically forbidden by the new regulations: Poltava, Kharkov, Kirovgrad, Vitebsk, Gomel, Yaroslavl and Bransk. Kiev has been a forbidden city since 1948.

Just beyond the southern part of this line of cities to the west, roughly in an area between Kiev and Lwow, is situated the "south" base of the Soviet long-range bombers covering the Balkans, Italy and part of the Mediterranean.

POPULATION SHIFT

In this area, new airfields are being built and communications expanded. The entire region is strongly garrisoned and is now being completely "militarised."

From this region as well as from certain parts of Western Byelo-Russia, the removal of a considerable part of the rural population is taking place on a "voluntary" basis.

Diplomats are permitted to travel to Kuybyshev on the Volga, but are banned from the region south of the city and from Saratov.

In the Saratov-Kuybyshev region is a large industrial aviation centre.

Another Volga city, accessible to diplomats is Sverdlovsk, one of the main showplaces of the Soviet Union's post-war reconstruction.

In the Eastern part of the Soviet Union, specially forbidden cities include Chkalov, Ufa, Toms, Omsk, Novosibirsk, Stalinsk and Irkutsk. This region, tied together by the rapidly expanding Trans-Siberian railway system, has been for a long time developed by Moscow as the "second iron and coal base."

MAIN BASE

The region, just east of Sverdlovsk, important industrial centre beyond the Urals, has become the main base of the Soviet military potential.

The region contains some of the biggest Soviet plants producing tanks, artillery, plane engines, ball bearings and instruments of all kinds and a gigantic rubber plant.

Further east along the Trans-Siberian railway, Novosibirsk is one of the two main centres of production of the Soviet long-range bomber, TU-70, improved version of the American B-29.

Further on is Toms, which has become the main centre of Soviet nuclear research.

In Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan, the production of high-grade steel began in 1947 and of light-bombers in 1950. New developments are based on German machinery and technique.—United Press.

FRENCH RETALIATION

Paris, Mar. 9.

The French Government is to impose restrictions on the movement of Soviet diplomats in France, diplomatic quarters said here tonight.

According to these quarters the restrictions were agreed in principle by the 14 Atlantic Pact nations at the Lisbon conference and worked out in detail by the Pact's Deputies' Council in London, because Russia and other Communist countries have restricted the movements of Western diplomats.

The quarters said that the restrictions would be applied to diplomats of those Eastern European countries which had limited the freedom of movement of Western representatives.

An official announcement is expected tomorrow.—Reuter.

Christian Heads India Ministry

New Delhi, Mar. 9.

The South Indian State of Travancore-Cochin, where Communists and their allies gained a strong foothold in recent elections, will have a Congress Ministry headed by a Christian.

By the end of this month Congress-Government Ministries are expected to have been formed in all 22 States where elections were held.

The Congress President, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, today saw the Congress leader in Travancore-Cochin, a Roman Catholic lawyer and former State Finance Minister named John, and asked him to form a Ministry.

Congress has only 45 seats out of 108 in Travancore-Cochin but banks on the support of most of the 11 Independents elected.

The 12 Socialists are understood to have agreed not to combine with Opposition groups to out-vote Congress.

Opposition to the new Ministry will centre round the 32 members of the Communist-led united front.—Reuter.

New Aid Plan For Pakistan

Washington, Mar. 8.

The United States is negotiating a new \$20 million economic development programme for Pakistan, according to a Mutual Security Programme report published here.

The report estimates that the American share of the project would be about \$10 million with Pakistan at least matching this sum in rupees.—Reuter.

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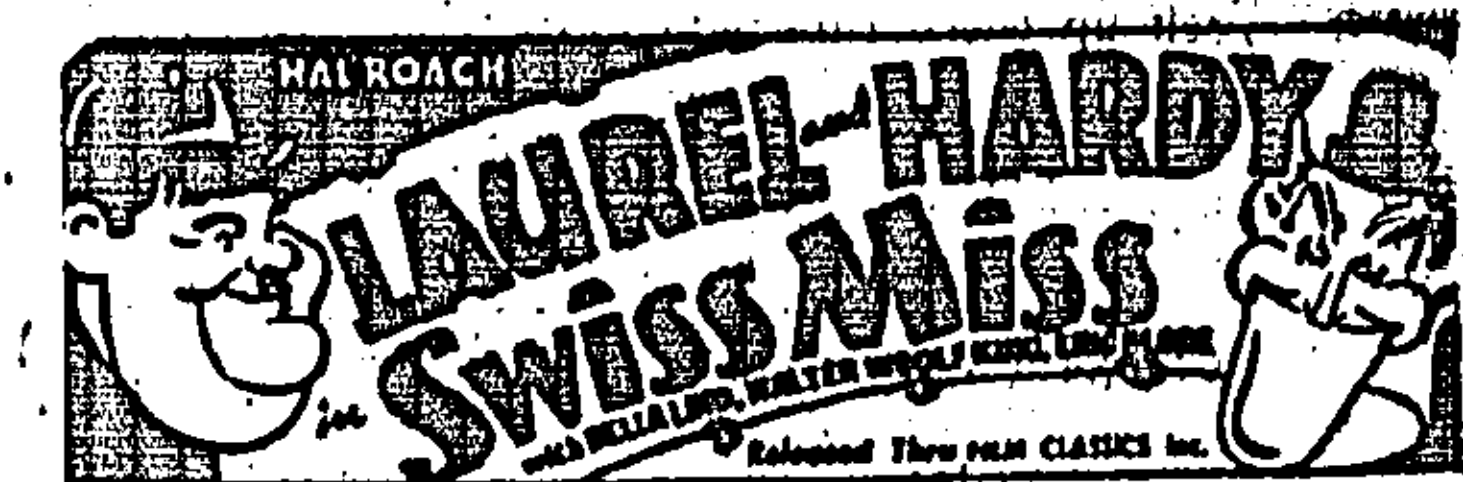
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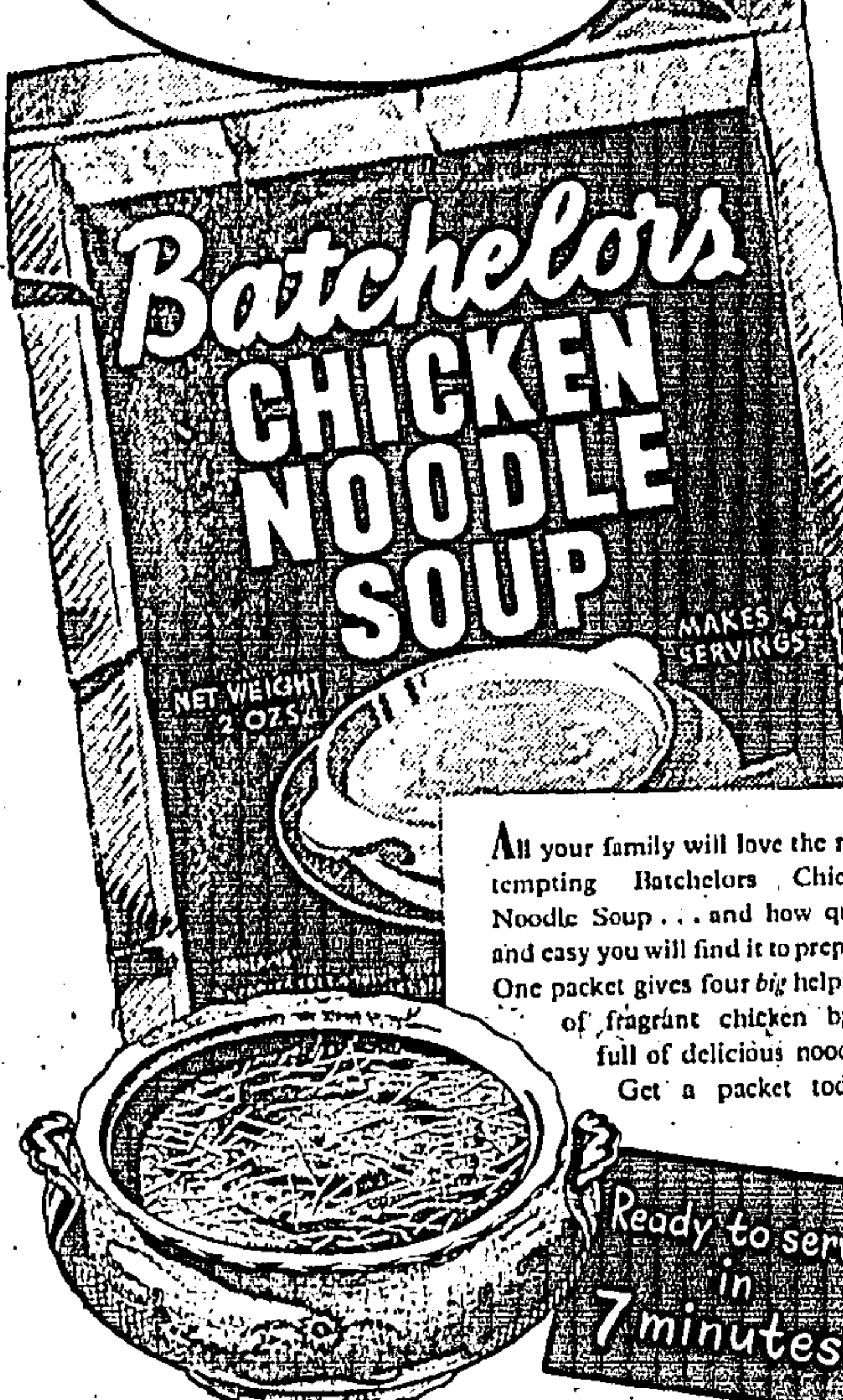
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THEY MADE ENGLAND UGLY, BUT
THEY ALSO MADE HER GREAT—

The Victorians

TO be called Elizabethan is flattery (the pen and the sword); to be called Georgian is consoling (the age of elegance); even to be called Edwardian these days is faintly modish, implying special trousers and trick moustaches. But to be called Victorian is, and has for a generation been, an insult nine times out of ten.

The word rarely means Sixty Glorious Years; it means wax fountains and false sentiment; the Antimacassar Age. It means Anna Neagle with a putty nose. It is a word with such a precise and accepted place in the language that one seriously wonders how the Victorians themselves ever got on without it.

Biggest Slice

The reign of Victoria was the biggest single slice of English monarchical history; it was literally a lifetime; men were born, grew, waxed prosperous, became grandfathers, and died, all without knowing any other monarch.

Even alive she was a legend. Dead, she became an adjective. It must be admitted as a fact that Queen Victoria never flew in a jet liner. She was unable to pass her evenings with a television set. She had little opportunity of reflecting on the theory of nuclear fission; nor did swing music play any considerable part in her life.

But if these deficiencies made Victorian England dull, then history itself is a bore, and art is irrelevant and science is an occupation for fools.

Achievements

Queen Victoria may have been a woman of peculiar temper, embodying in herself most of the rather dispiriting virtues associated with her time—but that time was stirring with creation.

The Railway, the Telegraph, Trade Unions, Public Schools, Alice in Wonderland, Factory Legislation, Cook's Tours, Birth Control, the Co-Op, Postage Stamps, Applied Democracy, the Registrar of Births, David Copperfield, Colonial Self-Government, the Salvation Army, Women's Nursing, Photography—the barest skimming of the invention that was born around her, not all of it with her consent, indeed, still less her approval, but irresistibly.

The most random hasty choice of Victorian names produces an extravagant pattern: a person—Disraeli and Gladstone, Darwin, John Stuart Mill, Dickens, Florence Nightingale, Stephenson, William Morris, Browning, Joe Chamberlain, the Brontës, Lister, Peel, Trollope, Carlyle, Ruskin, Tennyson, Meredith, Matthew Arnold, Thackeray, Kingsley, the catalogue may be dull, but scarcely the achievements.

At Peace

The nations buzzed and teemed. But Victorian England took its time, because time was one of the many things it had plenty of.

From that early summer morning of 1837 when the coach rattled from Windsor to Kensington Palace carrying a Lord Chamberlain, an Archbishop, and a doctor to rouse the young Alexandra Victoria and tell her that she was no longer the 10-year-old daughter of the Duchess of Kent but Queen of England, to the day she died, a lonely old woman of 81, English history passed its great punctuation-mark.

It was a country at peace and without fear of war, because wars were things that took place abroad, and England could take Europe or leave it alone.

The land looked set, snug, solid—and behind the self-confidence were forces of violent tension, a quaking and groping in every direction, physical and spiritual, through a maze of paradox.

It was a country of enormous prosperity and grinding poverty, suddenly discovering

the endless material wealth—and the social horrors—of industrialisation.

It was a country of benevolence and oppression, of black reaction, and pioneering enlightenment, of orthodoxy and dissent, of rigid morality and wild licence, of the New Plutocracy and the Hungry Forties, of the hansom and The Rocket.

Into this busy environment was precipitated Victoria, until then only one small strand of the inextricably complex relationships of the time—the Hanovers, Brunswicks, Coburgs, Hohenzollerns, Mecklenburgs, Strelitzes and all the other Houses whose ramifications interlocked all over Europe.

It was not a good time to become Queen of England. The

She was at the time of her death perhaps the best-known single individual in the world. Yet she lived in a world—filmless, radioless, TVless—where nobody could properly know what a royal figure looked like unless they happened to see one in the street.

It was England, however, and the English approve of people who live a long time.

Of the nature and personality of Queen Victoria almost everything that can be said has been

extraordinary John Brown, the raw gillie who became her familiar, the only creature alive to call her "wumman." And Albert.

When she was 20 she married one of the most exceptional men of that exceptional age—her cousin Albert, Duke of Saxony; from then on she submitted her judgment wholly and devotedly to his.

He, the unpopular Prince Consort, put more brainwork into the development of England than royalty had ever done before; he laboured patiently at becoming economist, philosopher, farmer, dietitian, connoisseur, drainage expert, landscape gardener and politician. Then, in 1861, he died, and Victoria sank into a profundity of widowhood from which she never revived; for the rest of her reign and her life she was to all intents invisible.

Huddle Of Black

All we have left of the final forty years is the picture of a huddle of black silk, a peevish old face; yet it was still Victoria Regina, of the greatest Power on earth.

The Victorians had most things but glamour. They had reform, which might be considered a First Thing by our standards. They had philanthropists like Shaftesbury and explorers like Livingstone, discoverers of objects as enormous as the steam engine and as small as the microbe.

They had a highly-civilised literary taste. They had, on the obverse side, the most cynical and unscrupulous standards of architecture and decoration; a nation that had been beautiful up to the Regency abruptly and inexplicably degenerated into an unbeaten artistic low, of mock-Gothic and horsehair, and the gruesome inheritance is with us yet.

But so are disinfectants. So is liberty, and the Public Health Act, and the Fighting Temeraire, and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and the Morse code and the British Museum and the typewriting machine and the X-ray. . . . She builded better than she knew.

Tomorrow: The New Elizabethan Era

By JAMES CAMERON

great—the really significant—difference between Victoria and the great-granddaughter who is now upon her throne is that Victoria inherited a monarchy in serious disrepute.

Her predecessor—the Sailor King William IV—was already old, professionally bluff, whose only comment on signing his accession was: "This is a damned bad pen you've given me."

Behind him was the degenerate fleshy mask and the black wig of George IV, and behind him the pathetic imbecile of Windsor, with a receding background of varying degrees of unworthiness.

England—politically awakening, half-way between two great Reform Bills—had grown out of sovereigns who were tiresome, venal, or dangerous. Only five years before Victoria's accession it was being written: "Depend on it, our Revolution is in a sure, and not slow, progress."

Best Known

But Victoria took over and said: "I will be good." She shrank from political radicals, yet a glimpse from her carriage of some lamplight horror of the slums would send her back to her diary quivering with italicised emotion.

Her life was bound up with curious and tense relationships—Lord Melbourne, the Baroness Leichen, King Leopold, Disraeli who flattered her, and Gladstone ("that dangerous old fanatic") who didn't. And the

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F.D.R. WRITING OFF THE CUFF

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT to Winston Churchill (on the eve of a visit by Mrs Roosevelt to England):—

"I confide my missus to the care of you and Mrs Churchill. I know our better halves will hit it off beautifully."

Roosevelt to Churchill (when the British Premier delivered his famous "Some chicken—some neck" speech in 1943): "Some baby!"

Such was F. D. R., writing "off the cuff" in the war. The opportunity to compare his style with the familiar Churchillian missives comes when a booklet of the President's personal correspondence (from 1928-45) is published in Britain.

The meek, first-name relationship between the two men shines clearly through this book. In 1944, Roosevelt wrote this story to "Dear Clemmie and Winston."

"I have a very high opinion of the Mormons—for they are excellent citizens. However, I shall never forget a stop which my father and mother made in

Salt Lake City when I was a very small boy. They were walking up and down the station platform and saw two young ladies, each wheeling a baby carriage with youngsters in them, each about one year old.

"My father asked them if they were waiting for somebody, and they replied: 'Yes, we are waiting for our husband. He is the engineer of this train.'"

"Perhaps this was the origin of the Good Neighbour policy!"

Mr Roosevelt had many fierce opponents in America on his aid-for-Britain policy, but he tried to reason with the fiercest.

In May 1941 he wrote to one Norman Thomas, an American Socialist who had long opposed the Roosevelt policy, and wrote: "Dear Norman, the trouble with 99 percent of us Americans—who are not very different from other people in the world—is that we think of modern war in terms of the conduct of war in 1812, or in 1861, or in 1898. It takes several generations to understand the type of 'facts of life' to which I refer."

In the middle of letters filled with facts, figures and argument, Roosevelt noted odd, irrelevant facts, such as this:—"In 1879 my father had a tweed suit made in Edinburgh—that was four years before I was

born. He wore the suit constantly until his death in 1900. I inherited it and wore it steadily until 1926, when I passed it on to my boy, James. He still has it and wears it in the winter time when he is in the country."

The President took particular pleasure in his friendship with the British Royal Family. He started one letter to King George VI, in October of 1942: "My dear King George, Please excuse the bad type-writing, but I am in bed for a day with a blocked-up nose."

When he visited King George VI and his Queen at the White House during their Royal Tour of 1939, F.D.R. scribbled down the main points he wanted to make in his speech that week.

Life of nation—high relief—K. & Q. Give thanks—bonds of friendship. Greatest contrib. civilize example conduct relations. Because each lack fear—unfurl, neither aggress, no race episode. Drink to health.

As the good husband and family man, Roosevelt usually wrote to his wife Eleanor, as "Dearest Babe." Once, at home, he left a Memo for E.R. "Do you remember that about a month ago I got sick of chicken because I got it (between lunch

THE TV BISHOP BECOMES A HIT

From R. M. MacCOLL

Washington. AMERICA'S latest TV success—and it is a really big one—is Roman Catholic Bishop Fulton Sheen, with his programme "Life is Worth Living."

Bishop Sheen, luminous-eyed and with a fine voice, is a veteran of 22 years on radio. But TV experts shook their heads at first because he apparently violates all the tenets of show business.

He walks in front of the cameras in his robes in a book-lined study (designed by the stage's Jo Mielziner), and starts talking without a script.

Writes TV critic John Crosby: "The fact is that Bishop Sheen is dealing in ideas. And, by eschewing showmanship, nothing comes between the ideas and the audience."

"The effect" is hypnotic—only partly because of the personal magnetism of the man. His first show drew 4,000 letters, and the fan mail continues very high.

WAYNE COY, who resigned recently as chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, saying he could not get along on his 15,000-dollar (\$5,350) Government salary, has joined a big news magazine as consultant. In his new job he is almost certainly getting double what Washington paid him.

CRIME 1: Because of parking difficulties, nearly all American towns, little and big, have parking meters lining their kerbs. But gangs of youngsters are wrenching out the meters, driving to lonely fields, and prising them apart for their small hoards of silver and copper coins.

CRIME 2: On New York's Staten Island, Dominick Conandra and a gang of seven were arrested for an ingenious variation on ordinary car stealing. They would buy old wrecked cars, steal brand-new matching cars of the same make, then transfer the serial numbers and legal papers from the wrecks to the new jobs and sell them.

AFTER exhaustive surveys of what the next ten years are likely to bring, the three biggest aluminium companies of America agree that a roaring boom in their product is going to continue past 1960.

By that year, one of the companies calculates that America will be consuming 1,875,000 tons of aluminium a year, about three times the present rate.

AMID all the fuss over waste-fuelness in the Armed Services, the navy did something smart: it called in civilians to suggest ways in which the navy could save.

The notion looks like paying off handsomely. For instance, Sidney Goldin, director of a big oil company, came up with all sorts of valuable ideas—which have been adopted.

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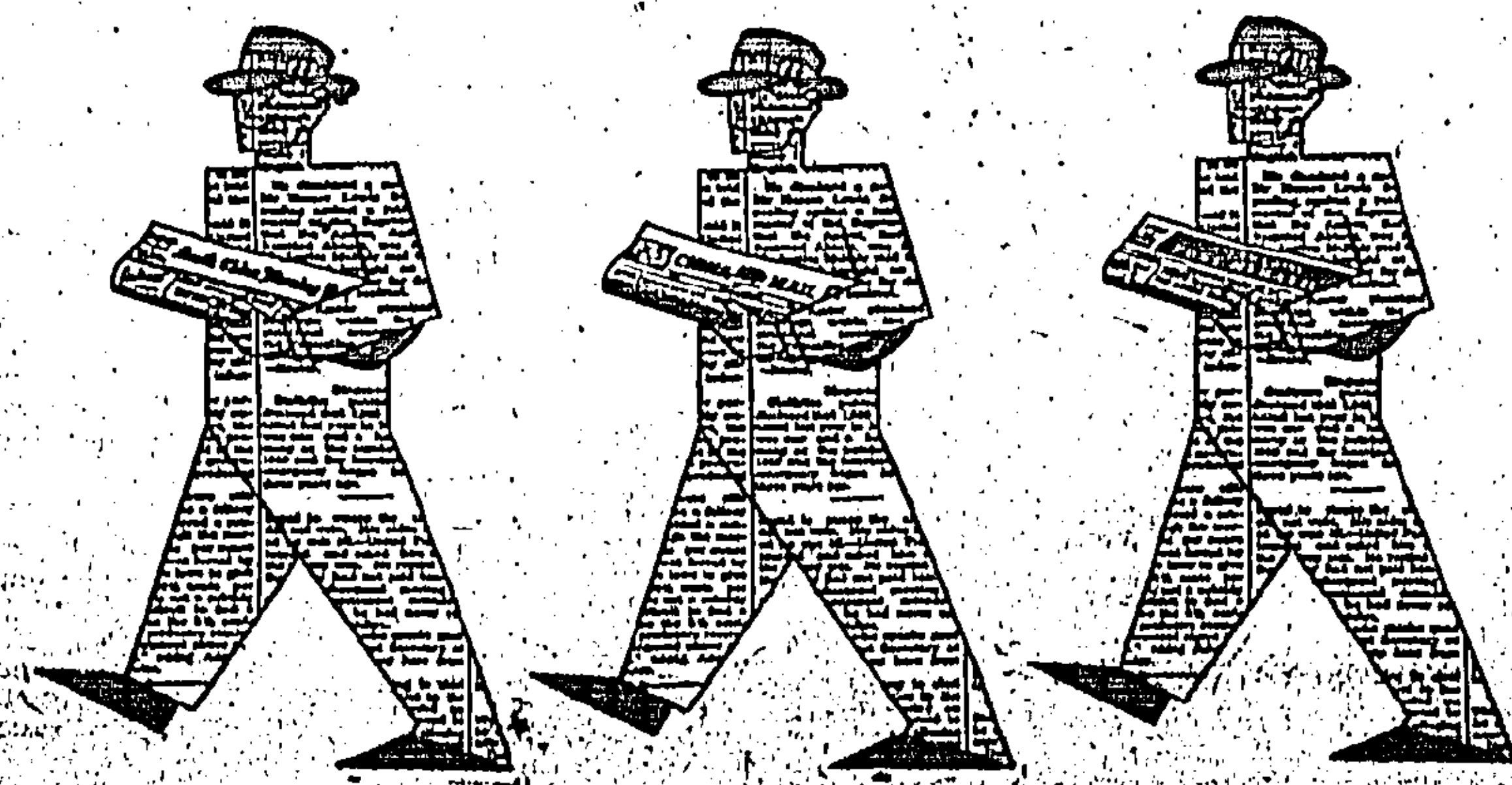
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• BY THE WAY •

by Beachcomber

THE attempt of a county council to stop people parking their own cars in their own gardens raises many questions. Should people be allowed to keep their cars in their garages? If so, should they be allowed to drive in through their own gates?

When a man claims the right to his own property and his own possessions in a way that does not interfere with his neighbours, is he not, in some subtle way, undermining the essential controls which safeguard society? Will not a time come when, through laxity of control or public apathy, a man will take for granted his right to use his own car? Finally, should a man be allowed to put on his own hat?

No wonder

PROPHETRY, as it is practised today, is the breath of life to me. A prophetess, after sitting on a special reduction for seers, necromancers, wizards, sorcerers, and tea-leaf readers, and after dissecting the bat under a gibbous moon, has an-

nounced that feet are growing larger. For this reason, says the prophetess, once more demonstrating the iron law of cause and effect, "in the year 2000 the man-in-the-street will wear stockings." During the argument, one may presume that if men's legs grow longer, they will discard ties, and take to scarves.

Pierre Tombale

THE story of the woman who complained of a buzzing in her ears, was told by the doctor that there was a large bluebottle in her room, might make the basis for a play. By M. Pierre Tombale, leader of the French Menestrels. The bluebottle would be the hero and it would live in the beard of a Menestrel, a bathing-attendant who is really a king. There would be a chorus of eight disembodied undertakers who play cards on a frozen pond for the body of a rhinoceros, poisoned by a girl in a yellow mask. Every time this bathing attendant tries to light his pipe with an extinguished candle, the bluebottle buzzes, symbolising the futility of life. At the end, a great cardboard box is carried on to the stage by footlights, and the bluebottle is driven into it and the buzzing stops.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, MARCH 10

BORN today, your strong and forceful character gives you ability to push your original and inventive ideas. Your personality makes it possible for you to influence others. You are sure it is always in the right direction. You are positive and determined to make others see things from your particular point of view. Fortunately, it so happens that you are usually right after all the argument is over and done with. Keep in mind that you might possibly be in error in your own ideas but avoid becoming dogmatic.

Truth and justice are precepts you adhere to at all times. You have a feeling for the mysterious and the occult but are not overly credulous. You want to see proof before you believe. Your good judgment and clear vision help you to keep a good balance in this regard.

By nature, optimistic and progressive, you are also able to inspire others with ambition. You make a fine leader of young people, leader, or even a director or politician. You have an interest in the arts which might express itself in painting or music, or some young artist rather than not insignificant talents.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

PIECES (Feb. 28-Mar. 28)—Positive but conservative action is likely to pay the best dividends today.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—A good day to promote your own ideas and put them into production. Get what you want now.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Your future happiness may depend upon some decisions you are forced to make today.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Words never helps anything. Retain one thing at a time.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Be friendly to someone who may be timid about injecting a really good idea into your over-all planning.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Avoid getting into an argument at the office. It can do no good, and perhaps do definite harm.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—The stars indicate this is one of the good days to make plans. Forward your career.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Be co-operative in some community project and win the applause of your neighbours.

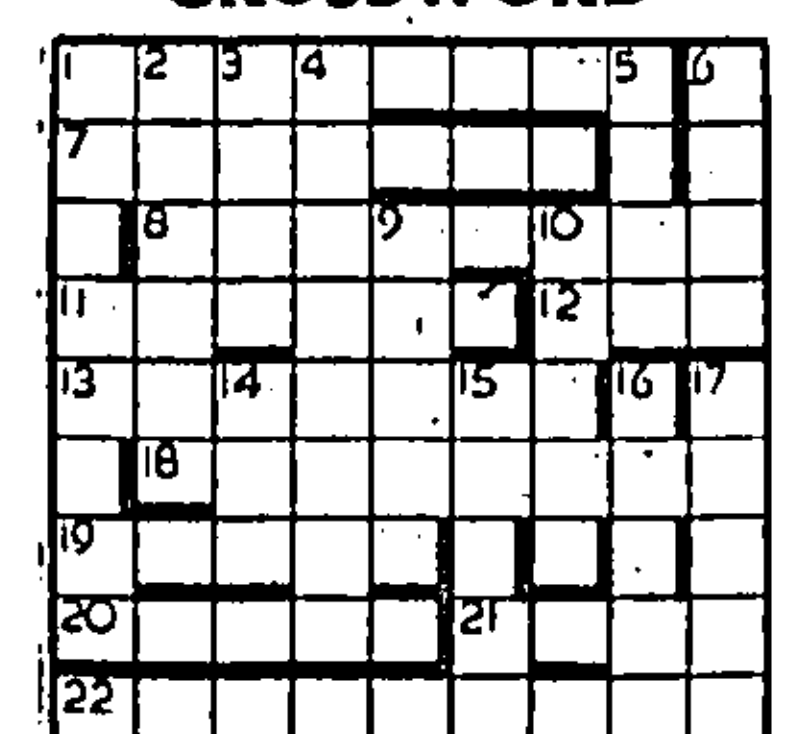
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Be considerate of the feelings of others and you will eventually be rewarded.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—It pays to be alert to opportunities. A new friend may prove influential in your future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Reverence and courtship are favoured. If wed, your partner may bring you added joy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Get your work done during the daytime and plan to relax pleasantly when evening comes.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- Warm spot for a radio set. (8)
 - Remnant of copper found in Cornwall and in Eire tin. (7)
 - A broken clock upset the rest. (8)
 - Relating to medicine. (6)
 - Land of the cats? (8)
 - Each I've broken to win. (7)
 - You wouldn't say it had boundless possibilities. (8)
 - Meeting place of a secret society. (6)
 - Animals may be across here. (6)
 - Choice you make at elections. (6)
- Down
- Again tending to become "trust" words. (5)
 - An ardent spirit of the east. (6)
 - Feed under discipline. (4)
 - Neglect to obey a fine ring? (8)
 - Roll a hill backwards. (4)
 - Taken from the stinging spade. (4)
 - Leg that is in Belgium. (5)
 - Clergyman, scholar, or black-coated worker? (6)
 - Possessed in the shade. (6)
 - Lead 18 Acres west of do. (8)
 - I feel with a sheet of paper. (5)
 - The doctor goes to a receptacle to relieve. (5)

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SWANSEA v. NEWCASTLE UNITED



Swansea's Turnbull in a jumping duel with Simpson in the fifth round FA Cup match. Left to right: Robledo, E. Turnbull, Simpson, Cowell and Mitchell. Newcastle won 1-0, and have now also won their sixth round tie with Portsmouth 4-2.

Narrow Victory For Jags Against The Madcaps

By "GRANDSTAND"

After the Jaguars had nipped Madcap hurler Kelly Silva-Netto for three consecutive singles yesterday in the seventh inning to load the bases, the Jags forced across the winning tally of a 3-2 ballgame when the ball was heaved wildly, while the Saints shellacked South China for ten safe hits to emerge at the long end of a 9-1 count.

In the Junior Loop, the Blackhawks nosed out the Pandas 3-2 to register win No. 18 of the current season while Bantams succumbed to the Delawares 12-3 and the Dragons faded before the Dodgers by 17-5.

The "B" Division Americans had a ballgame in hand when they led the Warriors 2-1 for the greater part of the game, but a sudden barrage of Warrior hits in the fifth, which produced three runs, robbed the Yanks of victory.

JAGUARS 3—MADCAPS 2

For six frames this could have been anybody's game as Vic Pedruco of the Jaguars duelled Madcap Kelly Silva-Netto on the mound, and it was a fairly even affair until Kelly blew up in the seventh.

Vic Pedruco twirled with deadly effect and accounted for the first two batters to face him via the strikeout route while the third grounded out feebly. In the bottom half of this initial semester, Gus Pereira drew a full count. Netto had reached the full count, and it was a fairly even affair until Kelly blew up in the seventh.

Neither side made further headway in the second chapter although Graca binged out a safe hit but was left stranded, but in the third inning the Madcaps came to life when Silva-Netto singled and was advanced to second base by Alec Braga. Lefty Eric Remedios parked the apple to right field and both runners scored for the Madcappers to take the lead.

In the fourth, the Jaguars dented the rubber for the tying run when Ingmar Erikson beat out an infield hit. A sacrifice bunt followed by Tony Silva's long fly to left field found Erikson crossing the plate. The next two frames unfolded rapidly with both sides playing tight ball but a wild lapse by Silva-Netto in the fateful seventh, in which Gus Pereira, Steven Xavier and Vic Pedruco connected safely, paved the way for the winning run when Ingmar Erikson tapped out a grounder which was thrown wild in an attempt to cut down the all-important winning tally.

During the fourth inning Ingmar Erikson sprained his foot when he spiked first base and was carried off the field, with Gerry van Langenberg pinch-running for him. Gus Pereira of the Jaguars registered two hits in three times at bat, while Madcap hurler Eric Remedios belted out the longest blow of the frocas with a three-pier.

Rene Siqueira lost the lead in the batting race when he went hitless in three attempts, his second time at bat almost resulting in a hit, but he was robbed of that credit when Gus Pereira, patrolling the centre field, dished out a spectacular catch with a shoe-string effort which brought down a cascade of applause from the fans.

Fans are probably wondering how come Eddie Marques who is a rabid Madcap fan, failed to put in an appearance at King's Park yesterday when the Madcappers were engaged in a crucial encounter.

The truth is that Eddie became papa to a baby girl yesterday—to be exact, at 4.10 p.m. Eddie isn't certain whether the new edition will be a pitcher or a catcher, so all ye eagle-eyed managers can just hold your horses.

SAINTS 9—SOUTH CHINA 1 The Saints showed they meant business in the race to Pennantville when they unloaded the lumber to collect 10 hits off South China hurler P. C. Wong for a 9-1 triumph.

Week-End Results

At A Glance

SENIOR "A" DIVISION	
Jaguars	3 Madcaps
Saints	9 South China
SENIOR "B" DIVISION	
Warriors	4 Americans
JUNIOR LEAGUE	
Blackhawks	3 Pandas
Delawares	12 Bantams
Dodgers	17 Dragons
LADIES' LEAGUE	
Wahoos	12 South China

The bases were loaded with two away when pitcher Wong suddenly hurled one which eluded catcher S. C. Wong for the first run to tally. On the return of the ball, the Hawks sneaked home, the ball was heaved out to centre field for Ali to join the procession over the plate.

The score hardly changed during the next three frames, and with the game practically in the bag for the Saints, they let up on the blasting with a series of bunts which netted them further three runs in the last inning.

Dave Leonard kept pace with the batting leaders with a single in four times at bat, while Sherry Bucks added a pair of safeties in four attempts, Hussain's three in four topping all achievements for the afternoon.

Sherry Bucks pitched a two-hitter for the winners and fanned three, but the Saints committed two bingles which allowed runners to get on base. **BLACKHAWKS 3—PANDAS 2**

The Junior Loop Blackhawks-Pandas tussle attracted a large crowd of fans who braved the scorching sun to witness the first meeting between these two rival outfits, and the Hawks were successful in protecting their winning streak, extending this to 10-straight.

Several brilliant plays were seen as the cream of the minor circuit clashed in a showdown—the Hawks out to protect their winning streak and the latter determined to be the first to halt their march to Pennantville.

Rene Barreto of the Hawks and Jimmy Herriek of the Pandas were the opposing mountdancers and both yielded four blows each, but whereas Barreto walked two and fanned four, Herriek only struck out two batters.

The first two chapters were scoreless affairs but the Hawks

draw blood in the third when two errors around first base placed a pair of potential scorers on the basepath.

A sacrifice bunt and Manuel Nunes' timely bingle nudged Eddie Remedios across with a marker while another run crossed over when Herriek wilded a pitch.

In the fourth semester, the Pandas made up the deficit when they replied with a pair of tallies manufactured around a trio of consecutive hits (C. M. Tung, J. Herriek and A. Chang) but the uprising fizzled out when Peter Tung popped out to end the chapter.

Playing determined ball, the Hawks jumped out in front again when Alvaro Souza wheeled a walk out of Herriek, stole second and third, and when Herriek heaved his second wild pitch of the game, Souza was over with the margin of victory.

Pandas staged a last inning rally after A. Cheng and P. Tung had fled out. Frankie Lau was given a life as Mana Remedios fumbled a grounder, Jimmy Yen drew a pass and K. C. Hsieh stepped into the batter's box.

On the third pitch, Hsieh pulled off a surprise bunt which Mana Remedios again fumbled, but Lau who was perched on third-base with the tying run, failed to start with the hit and was nailed at the plate on a quick relay from Eddie Remedios to Eddie Loureiro.

Jimmy Herriek poled out the only extra-base clout with a two-bagger while Mana Remedios atoned somewhat for his erratic fielding with two hits in three times at bat. Eddie Loureiro and Marcus Souza headed one-two in the batting parade failed to collect even a single hit between them.

Although Cooper of the Bantams fanned seven of the Delawares in another junior loop scuffle, they were scalded by the Delawares 9-3 as winning pitcher Terry Lucido claimed nine victims, and aided his own cause with a pair of safe hits.

Both teams registered two runs each in the opening frame, but a concentrated barrage of four telling blows by the Delawares resulted in a spurge of four runs in the next frame and from that time on they never once looked back as they breezed in to victory.

The Bantams, blasted out a two-bagger while Dicky Chaves of the Delawares also contributed to the team's victory with two safe hits in only three times at bat.

LADIES' LEAGUE

The newly crowned Champions of the Ladies' Loop had no difficulty in accounting for a feeble attempt from South China as the Wahoos steam-rollered their way to yet another win by 12-1.

Terry Noronha, on the slab for the winners, pitched her usual effective game and only allowed one hit by Connie Lai in the third inning, while her mates jumped on the Carolinors for a total of ten hits, which included two hits each by Irene Clarke, Gracie Archer and Sheila Colloco. Terry Noronha herself contributed for a two-base hit, but it was Sheila Colloco, who added another homer to long string with a mighty round-tripper in this tilt.

A double-play was returned by South China when a foul fly which was caught off Colloco's bat found Alec Mendonca's way down to second base.

SOUTH CHINA PRACTICALLY ASSURED OF SOCCER LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

The First Division Soccer League title for the 1951-1952 season was practically decided on Saturday, when South China edged out Army by one goal to nil.

The Caroline Hill Club now hold a firm grip of the Championship and have only themselves to blame if they do not win it. Their five remaining matches are fairly easy ones with only Kwong Wah and Kitchee anywhere near being capable of producing any upsets.

At their best now, either Army or Sing Tao can only collect a maximum of 39 points against South China's 40 and so for Army and Sing Tao the long wait is on to see if South China will drop a point in their remaining matches.

South China played as they have never played for a long time in their match against Army on Saturday.

On form they deserved to win but in the number of goals scored last day Army were rather unfortunate not to have got away with due credit. With both defences in top form, the match hinged on the form of the forward lines, in which department South China proved to have a slight advantage.

The return of Yue Cheuk-yin, after a few months absence from the game due to a hip injury sustained in the Stanley Shield Competition, gave them a much needed attacking line. Although he was evidently still not fully recovered, this most promising of Hongkong forwards showed that he had lost little of his excellent ball control.

His neat along-the-ground feeding passes and first-time flicks time and again set his forwards into dangerous movements.

Szeo Man, who has not been showing good form lately, rose to the occasion in this critical game and provided a constant danger with his dash and speed.

The other three forwards, including Mok Chun-wah, could not be said to have played even with average form.

Szeo Man's goal for South China in the 23rd minute, though a lucky one, was the result of a fine attempt.

Taking the ball towards the goal line in the inside-right position, Ko Po-keung sent across a low cross centre which found Man with his back towards the goalmouth. Man connected with his right foot, meeting the ball in the air with a back kick which sent it across the goalmouth to hit the far upright and rebound into the goal.

ARMY'S MISFORTUNES

Army's misfortunes of the day started in the 20th minute when Higgins sustained a leg injury during a tussle with Chiu Chor-wing and although he took to the field again after an interval of five minutes, he was a mere passenger for the rest of the game, and Army were forced to play with only four forwards.

It seemed that a bigger defeat was in store for Army, but the fact that they did keep the final score to one goal to nil speaks of the gallant uphill fight they did put on.

Then came Army's biggest misfortune of the day. In the 28th minute Soong Ling-ting mistimed a tackle and went clean through with only the goalkeeper in front of him.

Racing forward, the Army forward line was immediately held up. A penalty was awarded. It was quite a surprise to the majority of the spectators when Tennel took the kick instead of either Wilson or Edwards.

Tennel, however, made no mistake with the kick and the ball landed in the net. While the ball was hurtling towards the goalmouth, however, the referee was pointing to the goalkeeper, evidently indicating an infringement.

After the ball had landed into the goal, a re-kick was ordered, and this time Tennel shot wide with a grounder. The penalty will be a subject of controversy for some time, and in fairness to the referee it must be said that he was placed in a very difficult situation. He had very little time to blow the whistle between the interval that the kick was taken and the time that he saw the goalkeeper moving.

In this particular case it was hard to ascertain whether the whistle was blown or not, but the referee did by gestures indicate that something was wrong before the ball landed into the goalmouth.

It seemed that the more preferable action would have been to allow the kick to be taken and wait until it was over.

If the ball went into the goal despite the movement of the goalkeeper, a goal would be allowed. If a goal was not scored, and the goalie did move when the kick was taken, a re-kick would be allowed. But then the referee would again be misunderstood.

YESTERDAY'S HIGHLIGHT Highlight of yesterday's League matches was the clash between Sing Tao and Kowloon Motor Bus, which proved to be one between speed and accurate ball control. Better ball control and combination on the part of Sing Tao, gave them their 3-2 victory.

The Bumen played a rousing game throughout and had their

opponents almost at a standstill in the first half with their dazzling speed.

Even their defenders were always there for first-time tackles before the ball could reach the Sing Tao forwards. Erratic passing and inability to get into combined moves by the forwards, however, nullified all their goal-scoring opportunities.

The Bumen opened their scoring in the second minute of play when the Sing Tao substitute goalkeeper, Wong Shiu-wo, had his sight blocked during a melee in front of the goalmouth. A cross grounder by KMB left-wing Tam Woon-cheung found him at the other end of the goalmouth.

Sing Tao, who started with a forward line-up of Lee Hung-kee at right wing, Ho Ying-fan at inside-right, Chan Kam-hoi at centre-forward, Chu Wing-keung at inside-left and Hau Ching-to at left-wing made an unsuccessful reshuffle towards the end of the first half.

Going back to the right-wing position, Ho Ying-fan got through along the touch line and

sent a forward low cross centre across the goalmouth.

Chan Kam-hoi let the ball through to an unmarked Lee Hung-kee, who connected with a good first-timer to give Sing Tao their equaliser just before the interval.

In the second half, the Bumen were again having the better of the exchanges and it was against the run of the play that Sing Tao took the lead seven minutes towards the end.

A pass from Ho Ying-fan went to Chu Wing-keung, who took a fairly long shot at about 20 yards range. This deflected off Fung Kwan-sing (incidentally it looked as if it was off his right hand) and rebounded into the far corner of the net.

Two minutes later, Hau Ching-to came across into the inside-right berth and was rather surprised when his rather weak cross grounder beat Yue Kai-yau to give Sing Tao a 3-1 lead.

KMB made a belated attempt in the waning minutes of the game and Tank Yue-kit succeeded in going through on his own, drew out the goalkeeper and tipped the ball past him into the open goal.

OXFORD NOW GIVEN MORE THAN AN OUTSIDE CHANCE IN THE BOAT RACE

London, Mar. 9.

Oxford, since their arrival on the tideway in London this week to begin the last stage of their training for the boat race on March 29, have impressed many critics, who now give them more than an outside chance of beating Cambridge for the first time since 1946.

They are certainly a better crew than they were at this time last year, but they are still very rough and will have to improve considerably if they are to challenge Cambridge, who give every indication of becoming an even better eight than last year's "world beaters."

At present Oxford have neither the length in the water nor the stroke of their rivals and this becomes very apparent when they try long rows at high ratings.

WASHED OUT

Gladstone at stroke was the worst offender for he never gave the crew time at the finish and consequently they all, with

the exception of the American, Ken Keniston, at No. 6 were washed out.

Now Gladstone has been replaced, possibly only for the time being, by Christopher Davidge, who stroked Oxford in 1948 and 1951, and the eight may find his technique and steadiness an improvement on Gladstone's fiery but erratic leadership.

Four years ago Davidge was claimed the finest prospect in Britain when he stroked Eton College to victory in the Ladies' Plate at Henley. But he has now stroked two Oxford boat race crews, jaundice prevented him rowing in a third, and the advisability of his stroking them once again must be doubted.

Sugar Ray Defends Title On Thursday

New York, Mar. 9.

The first of three projected title defences by Middleweight Champion Sugar Ray Robinson highlights this week's boxing programme.

Robinson, idle since regaining his crown from Randolph Turpin of England last September 12, meets Carl (Bobo) Olson of Honolulu in San Francisco on Thursday night. This is the bout originally scheduled for December, then January, and postponed until now because of Robinson's aching back.

If he gets past Olson, Robinson's present plans call for him to defend the crown against Rocky Graziano of New York in Chicago on April 10 and against Paddy Young of New York here on May 10.

Robinson also is hoping for a shot at Lightweight champion Jimmy Carter of New York also. Is in action this week, meeting Luther Hawlings of Chicago in a non-title bout on Wednesday night at Chicago Stadium. Lanky Luther hopes to get a little bout if he makes a good showing in the non-championship bout.

The Friday night bout gives Johnny Saxton of Brooklyn a big chance against Johnny Bratton of Chicago, former National Boxing Association Lightweight Champion. Saxton, a fast-punching youngster, has won 25 straight fights but he has yet to meet anyone who can punch with as much authority as Bratton. Associated Press.

Cricket League Standings

FIRST DIVISION				
	P	W	D	L
KCC	17	11	5	1
RAF	13	10	1	2
Army	13	9	4	4
Optimists	13	6	5	20
Scorpions	14	4	5	21
Indian RC	10	4	4	20
Crankengower	14	3	4	16
Royal Navy	13	3	7	15
Recreio	11	2	2	10
University	13	1	2	10
SECOND DIVISION				
	P	W	D	L
RAF	12	11	1	0
Dockyard	9	7	1	23
KOVs	14	5	3	23
IRC	12	5	1	21
Recreio	11	4	1	17
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There are twelve races each day (36 in all). Through Tickets at \$72.00 each may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone House, also ticket at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting on 29th March as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 31st May, 1952.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 21st March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

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SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WHICH ARE BEING ISSUED FOR THE 1952 RACING SEASON ARE NOT VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1952. 1951 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

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By Order,

H. MISA,

Secretary.



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Hongkong, 7th March, 1952.

Alleged Attempt To Rob Duke

London, Mar. 8.

Three men charged at Woking, Surrey, with conspiring between March and December 1950 to steal money and jewellery worth \$53,635 from the Duke of Sutherland's home at Sutton Place, Surrey, were remanded for a week.

Donald MacLeod, a 39-year-old butler, working in London, was remanded in custody for medical report.

Victor George Sparkes, 31, secretary, of Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, and Albert Charles Butler, a 33-year-old commission agent, of Lavender Hill, were released on bail of £500.

Detective-Inspector Stone applied for a remand of all three in custody, saying that a search was necessary and numerous enquiries to be made, and if the men were released he thought the search would be hampered. He disclosed that none of the property had been recovered.

Mr Peter Colesworthy, appearing for the defence, said that Sparkes and Burley had both denied the charge and there was no evidence except a statement by MacLeod.

Detective-Sergeant Gunning revealed that he went to Gerald Road Police Station in company with Inspector Stone and there saw MacLeod.

He added: Detective-Inspector Stone said to him: 'I understand you wish to give some information.' "CRAZY THING"

Washington, Mar. 9.

The Government reported today that food prices, both retail and wholesale, have declined recently. The Bureau of Labour Statistics said retail food prices dropped two-tenths of one per cent in the ten days before Feb. 25. Wholesale prices declined three-tenths of one per cent in the week ending March 4.

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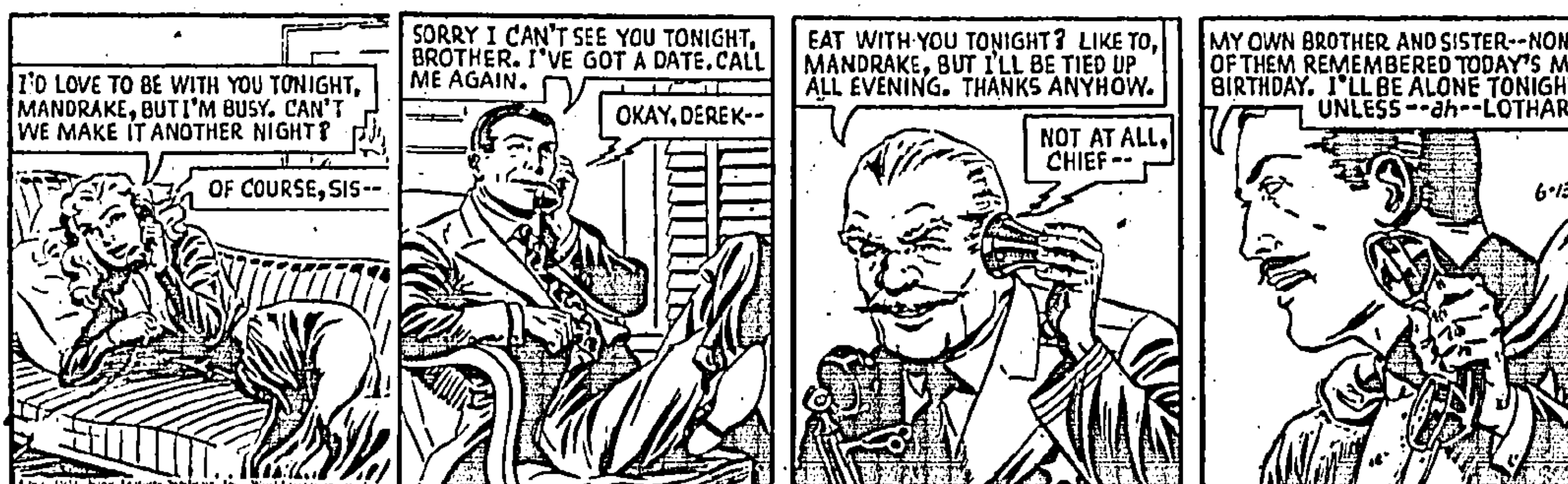
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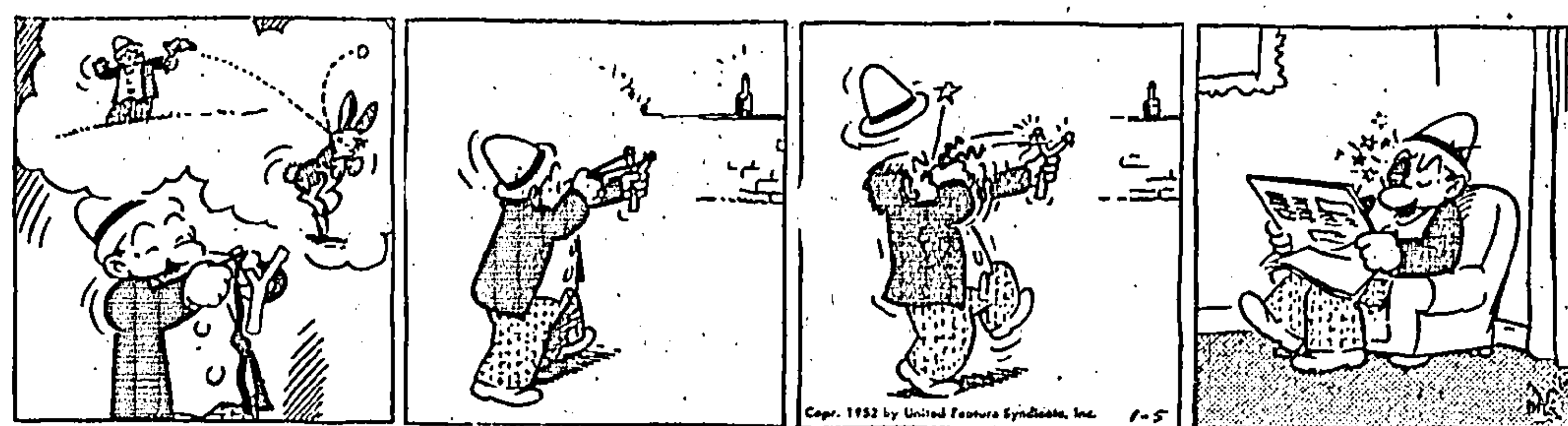
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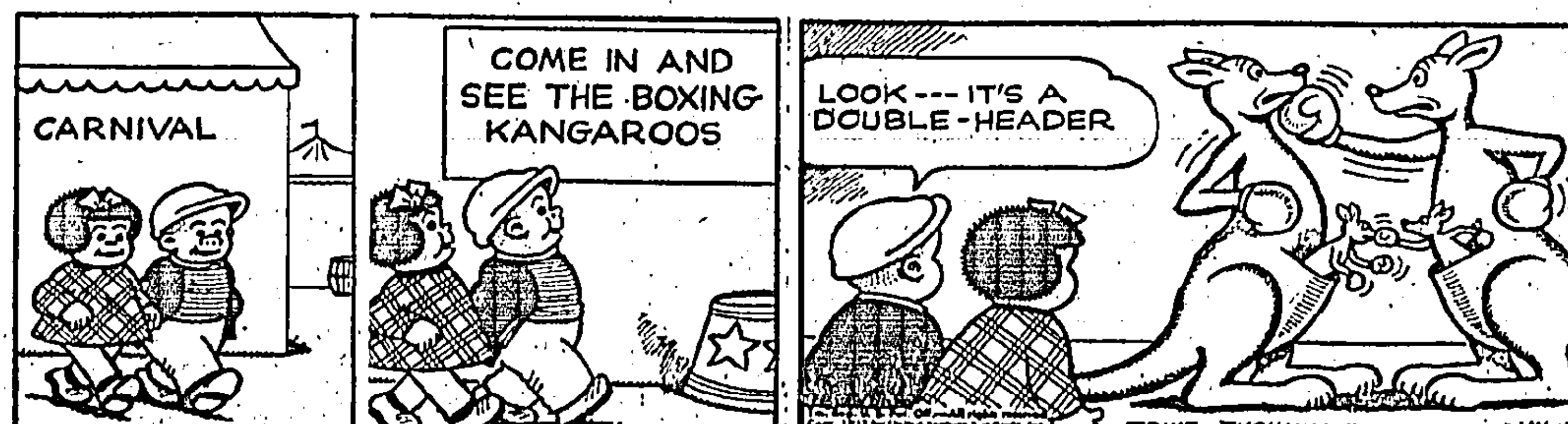
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Parkhurst Prisoners Committed

London, Mar. 9.

Three prisoners from Parkhurst were committed for trial to Hampshire Assizes at Newport, Isle of Wight, charged with causing grievous bodily harm to a fellow prisoner with intent to murder him.

Thomas Herbert Ward, 31, Ronald Frederick Lawrence, 29, and Patrick Ernest Cullinney, 30, pleaded not guilty to an attack on Richard Neville D'Arcy, who was sentenced to eight years' preventive detention in December 1950.

D'Arcy told the court that the three men came up to him on the prison parade ground, and after one of them had accused him of getting another prisoner sent to Dartmoor, Ward produced a piece of steel "shaped somewhat like a Gurkha's kukri" and threatened to cut his ears off before they were finished.

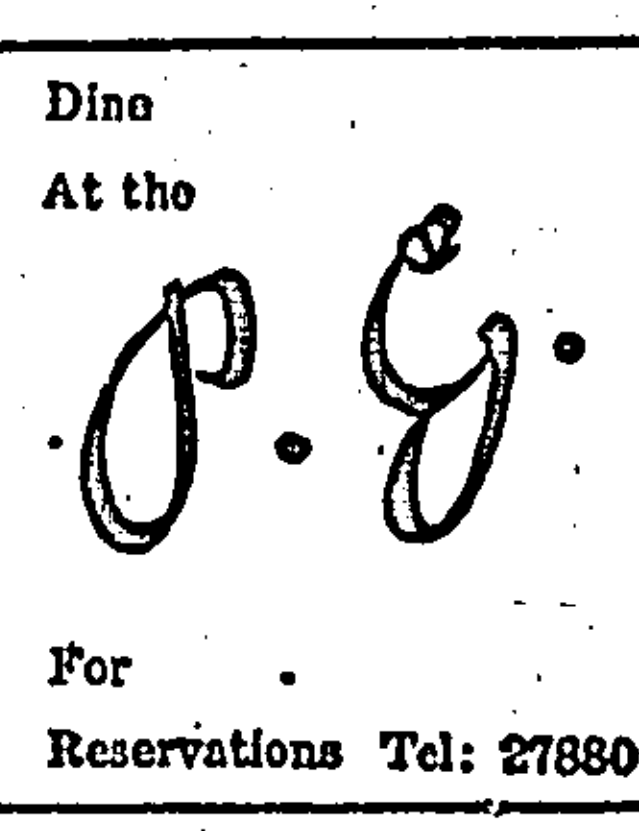
The following afternoon—on February 2—he did not go on the parade ground as he had been advised by an officer not to do so after complaining about the incident.

He alleged that the three men came into his cell, and added: "Lawrence aimed a kick which landed a glancing blow on my back, and Cullinney aimed a glancing blow at my face."

"I warned it off with my left hand, which Cullinney immediately grasped and bent me backwards over a table in the cell. As he did so Ward made a slashing downward blow at my exposed throat."

Dr Alan Macdonald, Parkhurst's senior medical officer, said that D'Arcy was cut from the ear to the centre of his chin.

Trevor Reece, a prison officer said that Ward had told him: "That game was what he deserves. He is nothing but a grass (informant)."



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Allied Progress In Dissolving Germany's Cartels

Washington, Mar. 8.
Mr. John McCloy, United States High Commissioner for Germany, said today that the Allied authorities in Western Germany have made very real and encouraging progress toward breaking up the huge I. G. Farben combine into smaller competing companies.

In a letter to Senator Alexander Wiley, Mr. McCloy said the Allied authorities have created three major chemical companies from the old Farben assets.

In addition there would be five or six smaller companies capable of competing with each other.

He added that this pattern of competition is both consistent with the fundamental policies of the United States with respect to competitive private enterprise and at the same time is acceptable to the German Government.

Mr. McCloy said that in its handling of anti-cartel programme, he believed that the Allied authorities have created sound competitive conditions which should facilitate healthy development of the German economy and assist the German people in maintaining a peaceful and democratic society.

Senator Wiley wrote to Mr. McCloy last month asking for a statement of policy and progress report on the decartelization programme.

He spoke of the necessity for breaking up the old Farben combine and at the same time allowing the Germans to build up a healthy economy.

He was particularly concerned about the possibility of the Farben cartel reviving.

Senator Wiley said that a return of Farben to its pre-war status would "spell very bad news" for the United States, to the Allied nations and to the German people itself.

In his reply dated Feb. 26, Mr. McCloy said the Allied authorities have been constantly aware in handling the Farben question of the necessity of establishing healthy economic conditions in Germany under the system of competitive free enterprise.

In the dissolution of Farben into separate competing companies, individual plants of the old combine did not lose any of their productive capacity.

"On the contrary, the release of competitive energies has made possible substantial increases in contribution made by such plants to Germany's needs for employment and production both for domestic consumption and for export," United Press.

Rubber Futures In Spore

Singapore, Mar. 9.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:-

Number 1 rubber, per lb. 112 1/2

Number 2 rubber, per lb. 109 1/2

Number 3 rubber, per lb. 108 1/2

Number 4 rubber, per lb. 107 1/2

Black rubber, per lb. 112 1/2

No. 1 pale crepe, per lb. 112 1/2

No. 2 pale crepe, per lb. 112 1/2

No. 3 pale crepe, per lb. 112 1/2

THE AUSTRALIAN CRISIS

Gravity Of Situation Shocks Britain

Effect Of Canberra Action On British Exports

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Mar. 9.

British exports of consumer goods are expected to be hard hit by the new import restrictions imposed by the Australian Government.

Although details of the actual cuts are still awaited, the drastic measures already taken to forestall speculation in advance of the official statement seem to indicate that the Australian Government is preparing a scheme to limit imports to the barest essentials.

While the effect this is bound to have on the United Kingdom's own balance of payments is fully realised, the move has been welcomed in London as evidence of Australia's determination to carry out its share of the task of bringing the Sterling Area into balance with the rest of the world by the second half of this year.

Australia is one of Britain's best export markets for many types of goods. Our exports to Australia last year amounted to £326 million against imports valued at £252 million, giving us a favourable balance of £74 million.

Meanwhile Australia's Sterling balances have declined since last June from £200 million to about £200 million, and the drain is continuing.

Australia's demand for British exports has been greatly influenced by two important factors, both of a more or less temporary nature. Last season's record earnings from wool increased the Australian spending power to inflationary levels, creating a strong demand for British goods, particularly in the more expensive luxury class.

At the same time, pressure of demand in the domestic market encouraged a rapid expansion of Australian industries and this was reflected in the demand for British capital goods. Earnings from wool, however, have fallen off sharply in recent months, making it more difficult to sell British consumer goods in the Dominion. Some reduction in British exports to Australia during the present year was therefore expected.

GRAVE CONCERN

The inflation caused by the wool boom has been a matter of grave concern in the Dominion and it had become evident that British exports would have to suffer not only from a reduction in demand caused by the decline in wool earnings but also from the disinflationary policy which the Australian Finance Minister, Mr. Fadden, promised to pursue.

What has deeply shocked opinion here, however, is the gravity of the Australian financial crisis which has now necessitated such stringent remedies.

It may have been that the British public was too preoccupied with its own economic troubles to notice what has been happening in Australia, but in any case the facts have now been brought home to it and they reveal a situation far more alarming than the one caused by the inflationary effects of last year's wool boom.

The trouble apparently goes deeper than the temporary upset of an inflationary demand and will require something more far-reaching than import cuts by way of solution.

Some Australians are now saying that what is required is nothing less than the complete re-thinking of the national economic policies.

"AN OBSESSION"

For years Australia has pursued a single-minded policy of industrial expansion. Hundreds of thousands of migrants have been encouraged to settle there and jobs in the cities. High tariff walls have been built up to protect its infant industries, with the result that wages have risen to uncompetitive levels.

The prospect of larger rewards in the city has attracted labour away from agricultural pursuits with the consequence that instead of becoming one of the world's principal food-exporting countries Australia is now producing barely enough food to feed its own population.

The effects of this "desperate emotional obsession" have been subjected to a critical examination by Mr. Colin Clark, economic adviser to the Queensland Government.

Writing in the "Manchester Guardian" this week he traced Australia's recent economic history back along the road of broken hopes.

It was believed, he said, that in the post-war world there would be no food problem in Australia other than the disposal of unmarketable surpluses, that the quicker the farm population could be shifted into the city, the better that Australian

manufacturers were going to have a wonderful time producing everything which had been previously imported; that Australia would, in fact, probably import very little except tea and petrol and would be exporters of steel, textiles and motor-cars; that the Japanese economy would virtually disappear and that Australian industry would dominate the Oriental markets.

WORKED TOO WELL

These preconceptions were shared by all political parties and all sections of the community. What went wrong to dash these high hopes? Nothing went wrong with the plan except that it worked too well. It has given Australia more factory workers relative to its population than the United States and with the average product per man hour about one-third of the American level and with its economy more dependent on imports than ever.

Everything has been done to give priority to manufactures at the expense of farm and pastoral production. This has affected not only manpower in agriculture but has also had a marked effect on supplies available to rural producers after urban requirements have been satisfied.

At the same time price controls have been used to hold down food prices while the price of manufactures has been allowed to rise comparatively freely.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$178,631.70. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:-

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